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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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Laboratory Report

July 1, 1936

Case: BREXID

Number: 7-576-11975

Specimens: 7-576-11975:

- A. One page of the known handprinting of Alvin Karpis beginning "OLD FITZGERALD WAS---".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Bureau Office

Date received: 6-24-36

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

This specimen will be added to the collection of Karpis' known handwriting and will be of value in the general search to be made of questioned writings as soon as the writings of all members of these gangs are collected.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau June 24, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Edward G. Bremer

607 U.S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

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July 2, 1936

Mr. Byron H. Hall
District Director
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Ellis Island, New York

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

At the request of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson of this office, you directed a letter under date of December 19, 1935, to the Chief Immigration Inspector requesting him to advise all of his inspectors to notify the New York office of this Bureau in the event William Fergus, William J. Mitchell or Clarence Heberbrand should present a passport for entry into this country.

By letter dated January 14, 1936, from this office, you were advised that William Fergus returned to this country during the latter part of December, 1935, through the Port of New York, and through the aid of the immigration inspectors, the New York Bureau office was able to locate this man. In this letter you were requested to have the Chief Immigration Inspector continue to have his inspectors notify the New York Bureau office in the event that William J. Mitchell or Clarence Heberbrand should present a passport for entry into this country.

I wish to advise at this time that it is no longer necessary that this office be notified of the return of William J. Mitchell or Clarence Heberbrand to this country, and it would be appreciated if you would notify the Chief Immigration Inspector and have him cancel the stop notices against these two men.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I

Very truly yours,

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207 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

July 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

In December 1935, the Cleveland office advised the New York office to make appropriate investigation to determine as to what date William Fergus, William J. Mitchell and Clarence Hoberbrand should return to this country. At that time a stop notice was placed through Mr. Byron H. Hill, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Ellis Island, New York, with the Chief Immigration Inspector so that the New York Bureau office could be notified in the event any of the three above mentioned individuals entered this country.

As you know, Fergus was located upon his entry to this country, and proper investigation was made as to him. It is understood that the reason for covering these three men was their possible contact with Karpis, and as Karpis has been apprehended, the New York Bureau office is at the present time cancelling the stop notices as to Hoberbrand and Mitchell. The stop notice has been previously cancelled as to Fergus.

The New York Bureau office also wishes to be advised if it is necessary to cover the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated May 7, 1936. This lead was originally set forth in the report of Special Agent S. L. Dwyer, Little Rock, Ark., dated April 19, 1936, which required investigation concerning the identity of Mr. H. G. Perry, 71 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The investigation required as to Mr. Perry was to ascertain whether or not he took a trip by plane from Little Rock, Arkansas, to New York City on September 21, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

July 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Trenton, New Jersey

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

By letter dated March 23, 1936, the New York office requested Hon. Harold G. Hoffman, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Motor Vehicle Department, Trenton, New Jersey, to place a stop order in his files against the following automobiles:

Anburn sedan (1935)	motor	22-1537
Buick sedan (1935)	motor	2127822
Buick sedan (1935)	motor	2354030
Ford V-8	motor	15-223822
Pontiac sedan	motor	2351202
Ford V-8 deluxe coupe	motor	2284202
Chevrolet sedan	motor	2522474
Plymouth sedan	serial	1-2A023077
Plymouth sedan	motor	21222
Plymouth sedan	serial	175709
Ford V-8 deluxe coupe	motor	2121
Graham & Paige sedan	motor	18-204794
	motor	1022222

Before these stop notices were finally effected, it was necessary for Special Agent Edgar Backus to call upon Mr. McGuire, clerk in the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Trenton, New Jersey. During the interview with Mr. McGuire, which took place in July, 1936, Agent Backus was advised that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles did not officially maintain a motor number index of registered cars, but that he did maintain such an index unofficially and in the most strict confidence. It was stated that information from this file was not given to most police departments, but that it was available to a few.

After some discussion, Mr. McGuire advised Agent Backus that he would put a flash card in the confidential file, and that the New York Bureau office would be notified at once should any information be received as to the eleven cars against which stop orders were placed.

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July 3, 1936

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago office to the Cincinnati office, dated June 16, 1936, a copy of which was furnished to all field offices. In this letter it was set forth that stop orders should be placed against a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ322772 and a 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor No. 2044331. In this same letter it was suggested that if there were stop orders outstanding against other cars in this case, that the same should be withdrawn.

Your office is requested to ascertain at the Motor Vehicle Department, Trenton, New Jersey, if flash cards are still outstanding against the eleven cars listed in the letter from the New York office to Hon. Harold G. Hoffman, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Motor Vehicle Department, Trenton, New Jersey, under date of March 28, 1934. If flash cards are still outstanding against these eleven automobiles, the same should be withdrawn by your office.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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June 29, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN?
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

I am attaching hereto, for your information,
a copy of a memorandum which I have just addressed to
the Attorney General, relative to certain instructions
recently issued to the Sheriff having jurisdiction over
the County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. Sanford
Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, to the effect
that Post Office Inspectors should be permitted to
interview Alvin Karpis privately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director.

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June 29, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As you are aware, we have in custody at St. Paul, in the County Jail, Alvin Karpis, being held as a Federal prisoner for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., and also for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. The date of the trial of Karpis is set for July 14, 1936. In view of the extremely dangerous character of this man, with a record of fifteen bank robberies, three kidnapings, four murders and three jail breaks, all in a period of ten years, I considered it imperative that every precaution be taken to prevent a possible escape of this individual. I therefore directed that Alvin Karpis, while incarcerated in the County Jail, which is not a Federal institution, be guarded at all times by a representative of this Bureau and that no persons be allowed to see him alone or talk with him alone, except in the presence of a Special Agent of this Bureau. I was moved to take this action because of the fact that Karpis had specifically informed me that he intended, if he could, to effect his escape, and I felt that in view of the character of this man every precaution should be taken to fully safeguard his custody, at least until after his trial and conviction, at which time the Bureau of Investigation might then be relieved of any further responsibility for him.

I have just been telephonically advised by my Agent in Charge at St. Paul that the Sheriff who has custody of the County Jail is in receipt of a letter dated June 26, 1936, from Mr. Sanford Bates, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, instructing the Sheriff to allow Post Office Inspectors to interview Karpis and directing that such interviews with Karpis should be conducted privately. The Sheriff has, of course, construed this instruction to mean that representatives of this Bureau or of any other law enforcement agency are not to be present during the interview with Karpis by the Post Office Inspectors.

No communication was had with this Bureau relative to this matter by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and I am bringing this to your attention because of the fact that I do not believe any one, irrespective of what official connection he may have with either Federal or local law enforcement agencies, should be permitted to see Karpis alone, at least until after he has been tried on July 14, 1936. Certainly, the period of two or three more weeks will not interfere materially with any investigative activity upon the part of any other investigative agency. There, of course, would be no objection to the Post Office Inspectors or anyone else with proper reason to interview Karpis as long as a representative of this Bureau is present, but I do feel that if this Bureau is to

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assume the responsibility which it appears necessary for us to assume of properly safeguarding this individual, we should be present at all times when Karpis has contact with any one from the outside, whether they be his own relatives or representatives of other law enforcement agencies.

If persons are to be allowed to see Karpis, even though with official status, with out representatives of this Bureau being permitted to be present, it will be necessary for me to withdraw the Agents from the detail which they have been on of guarding this extremely dangerous prisoner, because this Bureau cannot and will not assume any responsibility unless it is exclusive responsibility.

I, of course, do not for one moment wish to contend that this Bureau has the right or should assume the guarding of its prisoners pending trial except in those cases where the prisoner is notoriously dangerous and is held in a jail other than a Federal institution, or where the prisoner has given notice that he intends to effect his escape if he possibly can. Should Karpis escape, this Department would be the one, at least in the eyes of the public, charged with the responsibility of having permitted it to occur. I see no reason why persons should be given the privilege of interviewing this man privately and alone without a representative of this Bureau being present at all times.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Dear Sirs:

This will further advise you that in addition to the interviews which have been had with Miss Delaney, this Bureau has obtained information from other sources strongly indicating that the sentence imposed and the subsequent incarceration of the Delaney woman has in no way effected a reformation in her attitude toward law enforcement. During the month of January, 1936, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, had occasion to subpoena Dolores Delaney, with the thought that she would be of material assistance as a witness in behalf of the Government during the prosecution of William Weaver, Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald, who were charged with conspiracy to abduct and transport in interstate commerce Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota. The United States Attorney at St. Paul was unable to use the Delaney woman because from her attitude it appeared she was reluctant to furnish the court and jury information very evidently in her possession with regard to the abduction of Mr. Bremer.

During her brief period in St. Paul, Minnesota, she did furnish some information of value, in the form of a signed statement to Special Agents of this Bureau. When she was returned to the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, after the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, she promptly advised other inmates of

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that institution that Wynona Burdette, who was likewise subpoenaed, had furnished information to the Government in the form of a signed statement and was nothing more than a "squeal". This, of course, injured the position which Wynona Burdette occupied with respect to the other prisoners being detained at Milan, Michigan.

In view of the fact that Dolores Delaney had likewise furnished a signed statement to Special Agents of this Bureau, it would appear that she was making efforts to ingratiate herself with the other prisoners at the Milan Detention Farm at the expense of Wynona Burdette. This, of course, was highly prejudicial to the interests of Miss Burdette.

Please be further informed that there are pending at Miami, Florida, indictments against Joseph H. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall, charging them with conspiracy to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis. The information furnished by Dolores Delaney with regard to this matter is undoubtedly accurate and in anticipation of using her as a witness in the trial of that matter, she was recently interviewed, at which time she completely repudiated her signed statement and expressed a sincere unwillingness to be of any assistance to the Government in this matter.

I am bringing this matter to your attention as supplemental to the aforementioned parole report, in the belief that it may be of some assistance to you when further consideration is given as to the status of Dolores Delaney.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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July 1, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Georgia,

Re: BREKID
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Dear Sir:

In order that the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau may complete its handwriting examination with a greater degree of accuracy and with consequent advantage to the field offices, it is desired that the offices receiving copies of this communication immediately interview those persons mentioned hereinafter, incarcerated at the designated points, and obtain from them extensive handwriting specimens to be submitted to the Bureau at a very early date. It is desired that these specimens be not only in handwriting but also in handprinting. They should be submitted, likewise, in both pencil and pen and ink.

ALDERTON, Harold V. -----	Leavenworth Penitentiary, Kansas
BARKER, Arthur R. (Doc) ----	Alcatraz, California
BEBO, Oliver A. -----	Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet
BOLTON, Bryan -----	Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota
CAMPBELL, Harry -----	Leavenworth Penitentiary, Kansas
DOYLE, Jess -----	Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln
EDMON, Myrtle -----	Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida
FARMER, Elmer -----	Alcatraz Penitentiary, California
HUNTER, Fred -----	Atlanta Penitentiary, Georgia
KARPIS, Alvin -----	Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota
MAHAN, William -----	Alcatraz Penitentiary, California
MURRAY, Edna -----	Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City
ROBINSON, Thomas H., Jr. ---	Leavenworth Penitentiary, Kansas

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Very truly yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 383,

Toledo, Ohio, July 1, 1936

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent J. M. Jones arrived at Toledo, Ohio today at 5:45 A. M. from Chicago to set up certain telephone taps in the investigation being carried on as to the harboring charges in the BREKID matter.

He is registered at the Commodore Perry Hotel. He will return to Chicago when he has completed the above work.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-3-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-24-36	REPORT MADE BY G. A. Hardison PC
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL. Edward George Bremer - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of 1933 standard Ford coupe, model 40, motor #18-429014, and 1935 Ford two-door sedan, motor #2044337, at Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Stop notices placed with that bureau. Other stop notices in instant case withdrawn at that bureau.			
Reference: Chicago Bureau Office letter to Cincinnati Bureau Office, June 15, 1936; Cleveland Bureau Office letter to all field offices, June 17, 1936.			
Details: <u>At Indianapolis, Indiana</u>			
<p>Agent interviewed Mr. Saul Hoffman, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and he advised, after a search of his records, that 1933 standard Ford coupe, motor number 18-429014, model 40, and 1935 Ford two-door sedan, bearing motor number 2044337, had not been registered at that Bureau. Stop notices were placed on these two automobiles, and Mr. Hoffman advised that he would immediately notify the Indianapolis Bureau Office in the event an attempt should be made to register them.</p> <p>A stop notice on 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor number PJ-322772, was placed at the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles on December 16, 1935.</p> <p>All other stop notices which have been maintained at the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles on automobiles involved in instant case, have been withdrawn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P E N D I N G -</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

July 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

I desire to advise that on June 30, 1936, Mrs. Bryan Bolton telephoned the writer and advised that she desired to visit her husband, Bryan Bolton, in St. Paul on July 4, 1936; that she would call at your Office on that date for the purpose of ascertaining whether it was possible for her to visit with her husband.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter dated June 11, 1936 from this office to the Minneapolis office relating to the tracing of a .38 calibre Lee model Colt automatic pistol, serial #100. In that letter advised, the records of the W. J. Fetter Hardware Company, Oklahoma City, reflect that this gun was sold on August 16, 1935 to T. Douglas, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

You are now advised that on June 26, 1936 Special Agent Fleeters of the Oklahoma City office checked the telephone directory, the city directory for 1935 and 1936 and the Post Office records at Chickasha, Oklahoma, but they failed to reveal that T. Douglas resides or has resided there. W. H. Douglas, 615 Macota Street, Fehp Douglas, 313 S. 9th Street, and William Douglas, 305 S. 2nd Street, the only persons bearing the name of Douglas listed in the Chickasha city directory, were contacted, but none of them had purchased instant gun, and they had never heard of T. Douglas. Inquiry was made at the Police Department and the Sheriff's office at Chickasha, but neither of these places had any record of T. Douglas.

Yours very truly,

WRIGHT BRIDGEMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: HICKIN

There is transmittted herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent V.E. Orles, rendered at Chicago, Illinois, June 27, 1936, which calls for investigation at Allentown, Reading, and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Since the three cities just mentioned are in your District, it is requested that you give the matter appropriate investigative attention.

Very truly yours,

U. S. DEPARTMENT
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R. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AGENTS:

This is to confirm previous oral instructions that no one is to interview ALVIN KARPIS, outside of his attorney, except in the presence of an Agent. The above restriction applies to representatives of all Federal Bureaus and Departments, State Bureaus and Police Departments.

S. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge.

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7 U.S. Court House
City Square
New York, N. Y.

July 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 13, 1936, addressed to the Cincinnati office, a copy of which was furnished to the New York office.

In this letter you advise that it is no longer necessary to continue a stop notice against 1936 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 53052188. Upon receipt of this letter, the New York office by letter cancelled the stop notice which had been previously placed in the files of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Hartford, Connecticut.

In this same letter from your office, it was requested that each field office review its file and advise the Chicago office of the number of stop notices still outstanding on automobiles believed to have been in the possession of the subjects in this case.

The New York office is in receipt of a copy of a letter from the Chicago office to the Cincinnati office dated June 18, 1936, in which is set forth information that stop notices should be affected against a 1935 Plymouth sedan, Motor No. PJ322772 and a 1935 Ford V-8 tudor sedan, Motor No. 2044337. Further, in this letter it was suggested that stop notices on any other cars connected with this case which were still outstanding should be withdrawn.

The New York Bureau office wishes to advise that the file of this office in this case has been reviewed, and stop notices are being cancelled on all cars which were connected with this case. At the same time, a stop order will be placed as to the Plymouth and Ford sedans mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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1130 Enquirer Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

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July 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, June 23, 1936, which indicates on page 17 the Hudson Coupe, Motor #30348, was purchased by Fred Hunter and Clayton Hall from the Manning-Herino-Company and that this car was resold by Hall to this company and again sold by this company to one F. J. Gallagher of Youngstown, Ohio.

The Cincinnati office has had a stop placed against this car with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, but in view of the information contained in the reference report, this stop has now been cancelled.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc St. Paul

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Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D.C.

JUL 13 1936

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Considerable investigation has been made in the above entitled case relative to an individual who, in the fall of 1935, was using the name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston and who was reported as being possibly identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

This individual made statements to the effect that he had kept company with a nurse named Miss Theresa Krostue of Fisher, Minnesota. Miss Krostue was located at Columbus, Ohio, in December, 1935, and upon being shown photographs of Dr. Moran, stated that these bore a strong resemblance to a former fiance of hers named Walter Raymond Armstrong. She furnished a large photograph of Armstrong but was unable to advise anything concerning his whereabouts for several years. The photograph of Armstrong, when shown to the various persons who had seen the individual using the name of Ormiston was identified by them as Ormiston.

It appears that Armstrong or Ormiston, as he has called himself, is not identical with Dr. Moran but the Bureau by letter of June 15, 1936, has indicated that it is felt that the Bureau can not be certain in this matter until Armstrong, alias Ormiston, is located and interviewed.

A report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at St. Paul, June 23, 1936, shows that Armstrong, as Walter R. Armstrong, was in the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Minneapolis, Minn., in October, 1927, and was again admitted to this hospital on January 27, 1928, as an emergency case for acute alcoholism and morphine addiction. The hospital file shows his compensation number as C-1350708. The file further shows a compensation number 1346767 but the hospital authorities advise that there is no such number as this latter in existence.

It is requested that the file of the Veterans' Administration be reviewed to ascertain whether Walter R. Armstrong, compensation number C-1350708, has applied for or secured his bonus, in order that his latest address may be secured, so that he may be interviewed.

Letter Washington Field 7-13-36

cc: Cincinnati

Cleveland

E. J. Connelley at Chicago

St. Paul

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It is also requested that the Army serial number of this individual be secured, after which the fingerprints should be secured from the War Department and compared with those of Dr. Joseph P. Moran to determine definitely whether he is a different individual. If he is not identical with Dr. Moran, these fingerprints should be placed on file with the Bureau in a further effort to cause his location so that he may be interviewed to ascertain definitely whether he is the individual using the name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Under separate cover there is being forwarded to you by registered mail, return receipt requested, the sum of \$2,400.00, which was taken from the possession of Harry Campbell, at the time of his arrest at Toledo, Ohio.

This office is in possession of an authorization from Harry Campbell, dated May 14, 1936, at St. Paul, Minnesota, directing the sum of \$2,400.00 be delivered to his mother, Mrs. Lissa Martha Campbell, 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It is requested that the \$2,400.00, which is going forward, as indicated above, be delivered to Mrs. Lissa Martha Campbell, and that a receipt be secured therefor, copies of which should be forwarded to this office and to the Bureau.

Under date of May 25, 1936, the Bureau authorized the delivery of the sum of \$2,400 in accordance with the instructions of Harry Campbell, and in view of these instructions this sum is being forwarded to you for delivery to her.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 312

Chicago, Illinois

July 4th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St Paul, Minnesota

REXID

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter from the Detroit Office to the Bureau dated June 17th, 1936 and report of Special Agent S. E. McKee, St Paul, Minnesota dated July 1st, 1936, enclosed find circular issued by "Texas Jack" Sullivan trick shooter who was at the Worlds Fair, Chicago, Illinois during 1933. This circular is being forwarded to the St Paul Office as it contains a picture of "Texas Jack" and this picture should be exhibited to persons they desire for interview. His address as set out in the circular is c/o Billboard Publishing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A telegram was received at this Office dated June 30th, 1936 from Dr. W. H. Thomas, Superintendent State Hospital, Rusk, Texas, advising that Paula Harmon had been released from the hospital and is now at her parents home in Port Arthur, Texas.

Very truly yours,

D. E. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 7/3/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/15, 25, 26/36	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON OOH
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>Letter - Little Rock; cc: St. Paul, Cincinnati, Cleveland 7/9/36 - RDM</i> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> All automobile stops removed from Arkansas State License Bureau except as to 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor No. PJ322772; 1935 Ford V-8 tudor, motor No. 2044537; and 1933 Ford V-8 Coupe, motor No. 18-429014. Efforts to locate L. M. Lynch, Special Watchman, Hot Springs, Arkansas, without results to date. </div> </div>			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated May 21, 1936. Letter to all field offices from Cleveland Office dated June 17, 1936. Letter from the Chicago office to the Cincinnati office dated June 15, 1936.			
DETAILS: <p>Efforts to locate Mr. L. M. Lynch, Special Watchman of Hot Springs, Arkansas, for an interview relative to certain experiences he has had with Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Hot Springs, have been without results to date. Investigation has disclosed that the address of 121 Linwood Street, which is on the signed statement executed by Lynch, is occupied by a negro family who knew nothing of Mr. Lynch. The current City Directory listed him as residing at 625 Fifth Street, at which address the writer was advised that Mr. and Mrs. Lynch had moved to a rooming house located on West Grand Avenue toward Malvern Avenue and near the Catholic Church. Efforts are being continued to locate and interview this person.</p> <p>In accordance with the recent letter of the Chicago office to the Cincinnati office, a copy of which was forwarded to all field offices, all stops have been withdrawn from the Automobile License Bureau, Department of</p>			
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Revenue, State Capitol, Little Rock, except as to 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor No. PJ382778, and 1935 Ford V-8 tudor Sedan, motor No. 8044357, which were allowed to remain with the License Bureau in accordance with the request set forth in the referred to letter. On June 25, 1936, the writer personally verified that these stops were now recorded with the License Bureau.

In accordance with the reference circular letter of the Cleveland Office, a stop has been placed with the Automobile License Bureau as to 1935 Ford Coupe, motor No. 18-429014.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will continue efforts to locate L. M. Lynch, Special Watchman, and interview him in accordance with the reference Bureau letter.

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July 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

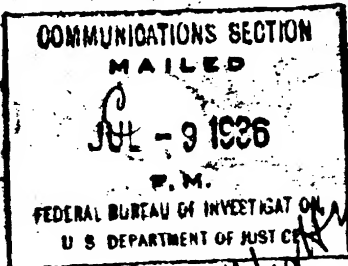
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
B. L. Darnon, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, July 9, 1936,
in which it is noted that unsuccessful efforts have been made
to locate Mr. L. M. Lynch, who presumably has certain informa-
tion relating to Herbert "Dutch" Akers.

It is desired that this matter receive your special
and expeditious attention and that vigorous efforts be made to
locate Lynch for the purpose of obtaining from him all informa-
tion in his possession with regard to Akers.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
Cleveland



E. J. Connelley

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

July 3, 1936

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 9,
1936, granting authority to pay \$100.00 to [REDACTED]

in small amounts. This authority is practically expended,
and it is therefore requested that an additional \$100.00
be authorized in view of the fact the informant is essen-
tial in conduct of the present investigation at Toledo,
Ohio, it being recalled, as previously indicated, that he
was at one time in the "racket", and is acquainted with or
can obtain information from underworld characters at Toledo.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFarland,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Cincinnati
Chicago
St. Paul

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*Bureau
*Confidential Informant

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July
3, 1936, requesting authority to pay \$100.00 to

This will confirm the oral authority to
expend such a sum which was given by Mr. E. A. Tamm
of the Bureau to Mr. E. T. Ross, Acting Special Agent
in Charge of the Cleveland Office on July 17, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Cincinnati.
Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Chicago,
St. Paul.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dawley
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
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Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Referring to my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm on July 1, 1936, relative to interview had with Alvin Karpis by Post Office Inspectors S. Hetrick and J. Cordrey, Special Agent John E. Brennan of this office talked with Karpis on July 2nd, at which time Karpis stated that he had first wondered why it was that these inspectors would make a trip to Leavenworth and then to St. Paul just to see whether or not he or Campbell would state that they had convicted the wrong persons in the Warren, Ohio mail robbery; that it had dawned upon him that they might possibly have found out that the postmaster, who was in office at Warren, Ohio, at the time of the robbery, had been paid \$5,000 for information regarding the money shipment, and that in order to prosecute this person, it would be necessary to exonerate Sargent and the other person convicted as neither of them had participated in the robbery. After making this statement he realized that he may have been furnishing information that was not known, as he stated he did not know whether or not this postmaster had received \$5,000 or any other sum as he had not paid him anything. He stated that the postmaster had either been discharged or had served out his term shortly after the robbery and he understood that he is now in Florida. Karpis stated that the Warren mail robbery was a robbery of a mail truck containing a shipment of money from a Federal Reserve Bank to local banks to cover cashing of payroll checks in steel mills; that the Garrettsville train robbery was of a shipment of money that would have gone to Warren, Ohio, and that the same information he had on the Warren money would apply to that stolen at Garrettsville; that they only got

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\$72,000 and that it was the first time in eleven years
that the shipment had been split up; that \$100,000 had
been sent on an earlier train.

He intimated that he, Harry Campbell, Fred
Hunter and some person substituting for Sam Coker had
perpetrated the Garrettsville mail robbery. He mentioned
further that he understood that the .45 automatic pistol
found in Campbell's apartment at the time of his arrest had
been identified as having been fired in the Garrettsville
mail robbery; that the peculiar part of the thing was in
the excitement of the getaway, Campbell had picked up the
wrong pistol and it was really not his pistol that was found
in his apartment, stating that it wouldn't make any difference
because he was in the thing and no prosecution against him
would ensue anyway.

Karpis was also questioned as to whether he
had ever observed any Post Office Inspectors on his trail.
He stated that just before he fled Hot Springs, Arkansas,
last Spring, he had observed two Inspectors in a taxicab
and learned that one was Haynes from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He
said he frequently observed other individuals whom he
suspected to be Inspectors, but was never able to know
their identity for sure.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

P. O. Drawer 567,
San Francisco, California
July 1, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: BRAXID

There are transmitted herewith, one copy of the report of Special Agent A. R. Gare, dated at Denver, Colorado, June 25, 1936, setting forth an undeveloped lead for this Office at Sepulveda, Calif., and one copy of the reference report of Special Agent E. T. Gray, dated at Butte, Montana, June 5, 1936.

Inasmuch as Sepulveda is located in Los Angeles County, the reports are being forwarded to your office for appropriate development at that point.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTENBACH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 3, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the last of a series of three articles which were running in the Chicago American. This article appeared in the issue of July 3, 1936 and is relative to the investigation conducted by this Bureau resulting in the apprehension of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd
D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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**G-MEN IN
THE HOUSE**

**Inside Story of Roundup
of Karpis-Barker Mob**

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Good Citizens' Aid Seals Doom of All in Terrorist Gang

This is the closing chapter of an amazing story bearing, for the first time, how a prominent North Side family aided G-men in their impressive roundup of the dangerous Barker-Karpis gang of criminals.

Federal wire-tappers, operating from headquarters in the home of Dr. William R. Cubbins, picked off messages to and from Arthur ("Doc") Barker's "moll" in a nearby house and thereby confounded the public enemies.

Final phases of the roundup, including discovery of a hot clue to Alvin Karpis' whereabouts by a member of the Cubbins household, are recounted in the current thrilling article.

BY ELGAR BROWN.

Life in the comfortable stone-front home at 425 Arlington place was regaining a measure of its customary serenity.

Dr. William R. Cubbins, his wife, Cora, and her sister, Miss Alma Brindley, were getting back to normal after a hectic four-week period climaxed by the dramatic events of January 8, 1935.

For a month their usually well-ordered lives had taken on a nightmarish tinge as federal agents—G-men—had occupied the third floor, coming and going furtively, keeping constant surveillance on a house at 439 Arlington place by means of tapped wires.

The Cubbins family had seen its sacrifice bear fruit. G-men had obtained messages to and from "Mildred," the sweetheart of "Doc" Barker while she was a resident at No. 439.

These had resulted in the bloodless capture of "Doc" Barker, with Mildred herself, in a nearby hotel. They had enabled the agents to raid a flat at 3920 Pine Grove av., shoot to death Russell Gibson when he tried to escape, and capture Byron Bolton, another of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Now the G-men had evacuated their headquarters in the Cubbins residence, and it appeared that the excitement was over.

Told to Listen In.

True, the telephone wire connection and the head phone which had led to these notable accomplishments remained on the third floor at the Cubbins home. And the agents, on departing, had told the family:

"When you have time and the inclination, listen in on that phone. The chances are nothing will come of it, for that raid probably frightened our friends over at No. 439.

"But you never can tell. If you get anything hot, call downtown headquarters and somebody will be right out here."

From time to time, then, in the next few days members of the family took short turns at the tapped wire, but nothing seemed to come of it. There were messages to indicate that No. 439 was still operated by the two women, but none of these calls added up to anything important.

Big Event on Way.

Meanwhile, an epochal event was in the making down South—an event which, like its immediate predecessors, was directly traceable to the information doled out unwittingly to the tenacious G-men who had spent long days at the telephone in the Cubbins home.

When Arthur ("Doc") Barker was captured in a hotel not four blocks from the Cubbins residence, you'll recall, a letter was found from Kate ("Ma") Barker to her son. It was postmarked Oklawaha, Fla., and it mentioned "a big white house near the lake."

Now the indefatigable G-men were closing in on this "big white house," which they had located on Lake Weir, near Oklawaha.

'Doc' White There.

They were led by E. J. Connelley, the ace who had directed the Pine Grove av. raid in which Gibson was slain. But at his elbow was the ubiquitous "Doc" White, who turns up wherever there's heavy work to be done.

White, the ex-Texas Ranger, had chafed at the bit during those four long weeks as he took his turn at the ear-

phones in the Cubbins home. But he had his reward when he took a hand in the shooting on Pine Grove av. And here he was in Florida, ready for more excitement.

It came at dawn on January 16, 1935. "Ma" Barker was pacing the floor of her hideout uneasily. She had read of the killing of Gibson, the capture of Bolton. She hadn't heard from her eldest boy, "Doc," in a long time—for a splendid reason.

Peers Cautiously.

She looked out into the morning fog cautiously. She saw dim, moving figures. She aroused her other son, Fred, who got up, seized his machine gun and posted himself at an upper window.

Chief Connelley strode to the door. "Ma" opened it an inch. The G-man urged her to surrender, told her she was surrounded. She snapped:

"To hell with you!"

And slammed the door.

From upstairs, Fred Bar-

ker turned his machine gun on Connelley. Bullets tore at the agent's clothing. And who came to his aid in this dire emergency? Your old friend, "Doc" White!

White was at the edge of the lawn, protected by a tree. He whipped out that old frontier Colt, relic of Texas Ranger days. He fired. Now the tables were turned, and Fred Barker had to seek shelter or be killed. He retreated; Connelley ducked into the trees.

Battle Four Hours.

The battle raged four solid hours. The house was riddled

with bullets, filled with tear gas. "Ma" Barker was first to die. She dropped at a window, her body torn, her hands clinging to her machine gun.

Fred was killed a few minutes later. Running out of machine gun ammunition, he stepped across an open window to grasp an automatic. A burst of machine gun slugs laid him low.

Mother and son had been betrayed — unintentionally — by "Doc" Barker, who had been betrayed by his moll, Mildred, who in turn had been betrayed by a telephone call which reached

waiting cars in the room of the third floor, rear, at Dr. Cubbins' residence on Chicago's North Side!

At just about the time of the Florida bloodshed, Miss Alma Brindley picked up the earphone left by the G-men in the Cubbins home. Idly she listened. Some one was calling 439 Arlington place.

The message was in code, as were many sent to that sinister house in those days. Miss Brindley could make nothing out of it.

But something in the tenseness of the speaker's voice told her intuitively that here was information of vital import. She jotted down the

apparently senseless message. Of all the words, "Atlantic City" alone was understandable.

Startles G-Man.

Miss Brindley decided to brave the chance of appearing ridiculous. She telephoned downtown headquarters of the bureau of investigation. The man who took the call was skeptical until she whispered:

"This is the home where Mr. McDade and Mr. Tihlmann were stationed."

Her listener's attention quickened. He said quickly: "We will be right out."

Within a few minutes Miss Brindley was repeating the code message, with its telltale mention of Atlantic City. The agents thanked her profusely and departed in haste.

Once more the Cubbins household was left in darkness as to the result of their latest effort to be of service in the war on public enemies. The truth, as revealed later, was that the agents had decoded the message — and the race for Atlantic City was on.

Through a t message, picked up willy-nilly by a "good citizen" after the G-men had abandoned the Cubbins' wire as useless, the sleuths of the government had learned the whereabouts of Alvin ("Old Creepy") Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Karpis Enemy No. 1.

Due to heavy casualties in the ranks of the gang, Karpis had now ascended to the title of Public Enemy No. 1. He and Campbell were sole survivors among the important figures in the Barker-Karpis setup. Their capture would close the case!

But even as the G-men raced for Atlantic City, whither Karpis and Campbell had fled from Florida after the sanguinary slaying of "Ma" and Fred Barker, misfortune wrecked their plan.

Well-intentioned Atlantic City police beat them to the draw. The fugitives' car had broken down as they sped northward from Florida, which was entirely too "hot" for them after the Barker episode.

They stole another. State officers wired the license number ahead. Atlantic City police spotted the car in a

garage. The "owners" were traced to a local hotel.

Wherever gangsters go, there go also their women. With Karpis at this critical stage were Dolores Delaney, 21, who was to bear his child in a few days, and Campbell's girl, Winona Burdette, a radio singer.

Game, but Foolish.

Of the gameness of the Atlantic City officers there can be no doubt. But their judgment is another matter. Over-eager, they wouldn't wait to communicate with the G-men who were even then en route.

And the equipment of the local police was entirely inadequate. But no matter. On the night of January 20, 1935, the police surrounded the Dan-Mor Hotel, near the famous Atlantic City boardwalk, and approached the headquarters of the fugitives. Shouted one officer:

"Stick 'em up, we're police!"

And "Old Creepy," fearing only the G-men, yelled back:

"Stick 'em up yourself, soppers. We're coming!"

Incredibly, Karpis and Campbell sprayed machine gun lead in such deadly fashion that they forced the police back, gained the garage, seized a car and escaped.

Twice, it is said, they circled the hotel, seeking to rescue their women, then abandoned this plan and sped westward. Thus one G-man coup, prepared from information obtained at the Cubbins home, died a bornin'.

It was a long time — fifteen months — before the G-men caught up with Alvin Karpis again. When they did trap him last May 1 in front of a rooming house in New Orleans, he — like "Doc" Barker — submitted without a struggle.

Knows Game Is Up.

He took one look, recognized those around him as G-men — and decided the game was up. Equally supine was Harry

Campbell when the government sleuths located him a week later in Toledo, O. They took him without resistance. It is whispered that Karpis, the "hard guy," had supplied information leading to Campbell's seizure.

As usual, the G-men refused to affirm or deny that story of treachery.

Among those pleased and deeply comforted by the Karpis-Campbell arrests last May, marking the final gestures in the complete roundup of a most notorious crew of cutthroats, were Dr. Cubbins and his womenfolk.

It is not quite accurate to say that the doctor, his wife and his sister-in-law had lived in fear of reprisal since their splendid efforts in behalf of law and order. As a matter of fact, their important part in the offensive against the Karpis-Barker mob has never before been publicized.

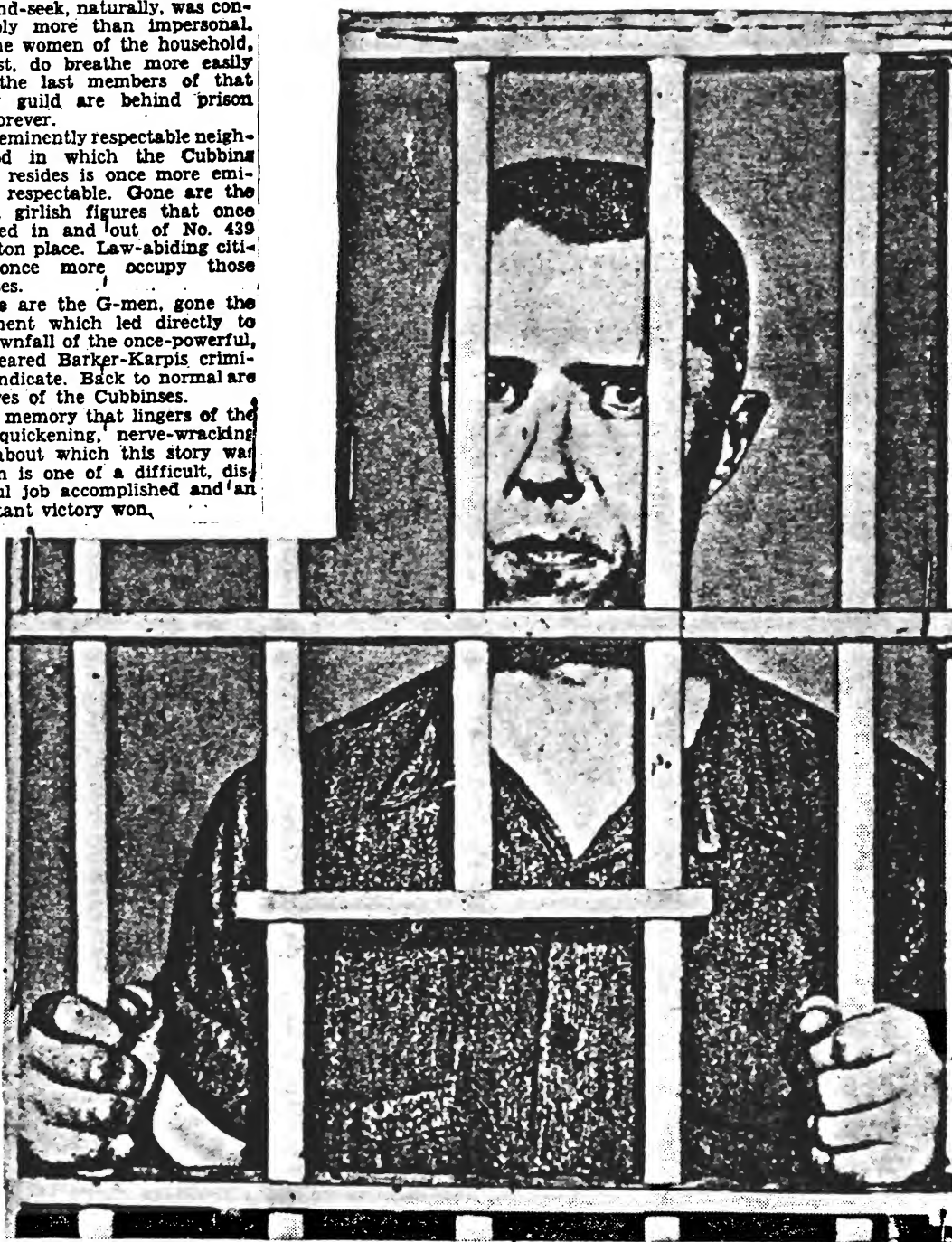
Now Breathe Easy.

But their interest in the final outcome of this deadly game of hide-and-seek, naturally, was considerably more than impersonal. And the women of the household, at least, do breathe more easily since the last members of that unholy guild are behind prison bars forever.

The eminently respectable neighborhood in which the Cubbins family resides is once more eminently respectable. Gone are the pitiful, girlish figures that once slithered in and out of No. 439 Arlington place. Law-abiding citizens once more occupy those premises.

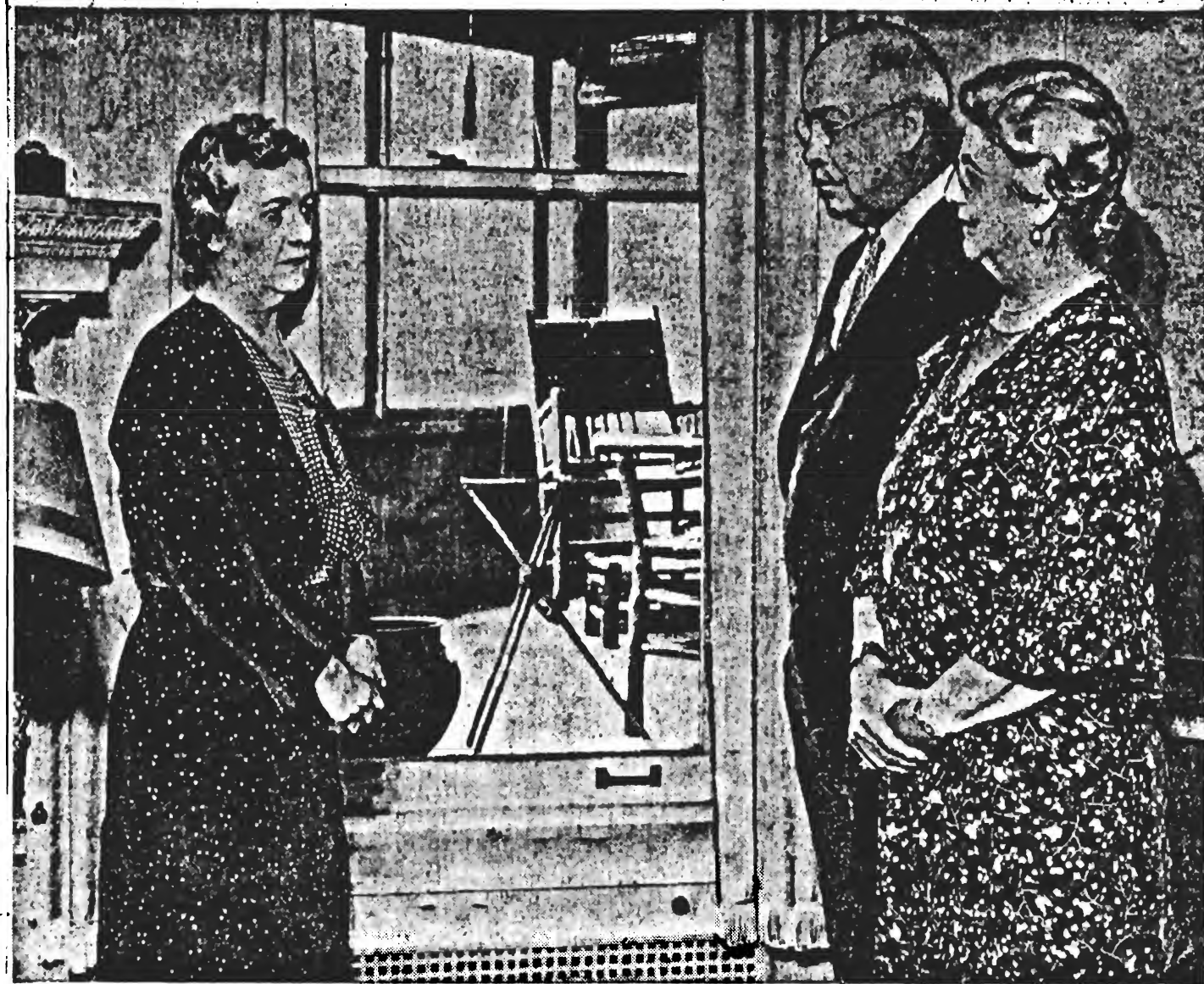
Gone are the G-men, gone the equipment which led directly to the downfall of the once-powerful, once-feared Barker-Karpis criminal syndicate. Back to normal are the lives of the Cubbinses.

The memory that lingers of the blood-quickenings, nerve-wracking days about which this story was written is one of a difficult, distasteful job accomplished and an important victory won.



'ALVIN ("OLD CREEPY") KARPIS LOCKED UP—FOR LIFE.
The dreaded gangster surrendered to G-men without a struggle.

THEIR CO-OPERATION NETTED DANGEROUS GANG



Miss Alma Brindley (left), Dr. William R. Cubbins and his wife, Cora, sister of Miss Brindley. The aid rendered by these three enabled G-men to land Arthur ("Doc") Barker behind the bars; to trap and kill Barker's redoubtable brother, Fred, and even more dangerous mother, "Ma" Barker, and, ultimately, to capture Alvin ("Old Creepy") Karpis. (Chicago American-Interstate News photo.)



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: WARREN, OHIO MAIL TRUCK ROBBERY.

GEORGE SARGENT;
ANTHONY LABRIZZETTA.

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Schilder	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Reference is made to a memorandum submitted to the Director by Mr. Tamm dated July 1, 1936, reflecting an interview by Post Office Inspectors S. J. Hettrick and Jess Cordrey with Alvin Karpis at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time Karpis refused to discuss the Warren Mail Robbery. The purpose of the inspectors in discussing this matter with Karpis was obviously to exonerate George Sargent and Anthony Labrizzetta who have already been convicted in this matter.

As a matter of background it should be stated that George Sargent alias Sergeant alias Sargint is an Italian racketeer from Toledo, Ohio. He was formerly the companion of Mildred Kuhlman. The latter was on call from the house of prostitution operated by Edith Barry in Toledo, Ohio. During the summer of 1934 "Doc" Barker and several other members of the Barker-Karpis gang frequented the bawdy house operated by Barry and it was through this means that "Doc" Barker became acquainted with Mildred Kuhlman. Mildred alleged that her life had been threatened by George Sargent, as a result of which "Doc" Barker encouraged her to go to Chicago with him. Thereafter Mildred Kuhlman abandoned Sargent for "Doc" Barker.

Sargent has been known as a member of the Yonnie Licavoli Gang which dominated the underworld in Toledo, Ohio during recent years. During September, 1934 Sargent went to Toledo from Akron and Youngstown in an effort to assist Yonnie Licavoli in a murder case which was then pending against him. He was also aware of the fact that Mildred Kuhlman had taken up with "Doc" Barker, threatened her life, and told her to stay away from him. This attitude on the part of Sargent undoubtedly gave rise to a considerable amount of "bad blood" between Sargent and the Barker-Karpis gang. Sargent even went so far as to make a trip to Houston, Texas and another trip to Chicago, Illinois in an effort to locate Mildred Kuhlman. As a result of these differences between Sargent and members of the Barker-Karpis gang, information has been obtained that Karpis and Campbell proceeded to Akron, Ohio armed with machine guns in

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an endeavor to locate Sargent for the purpose of killing him.

George Sargent was subsequently interviewed at the Cuyahoga County Jail, Cleveland, Ohio at which time Sargent alleged that it was not until January or February, 1935 that he actually learned that Mildred Kuhlman was in company with the Barker-Karpis gang. This was obviously an intentional misstatement on the part of Sargent as it has been shown that he knew of her association with the said gang during the fall of 1934. *fin*

This background has been set out in order that a more complete understanding may be had relative to the attitude of Alvin Karpis concerning George Sargent and his apparently unjustified conviction in connection with the Warren Mail Truck Robbery.

The said robbery occurred on April 24, 1935 at Warren, Ohio. The criminal records for Sargent and Labrizzetta disclosed that Sargent was arrested at Warren, Ohio April 26, 1935 in connection with the mail truck robbery, and that Labrizzetta was likewise arrested at Warren, Ohio on the same date in connection with the same matter. The files disclose that these two individuals were indicted on this charge during the spring of 1935, and that upon their trial the jury deliberated ten minutes and returned a verdict of guilty. The Criminal Division of the Department is in receipt of a letter dated May 8, 1936 directed to that Division by Mr. E. B. Freed, United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio in which Mr. Freed expresses sincere concern with regard to the obviously improper conviction of Sargent and Labrizzetta. Copies of this letter have been furnished the Bureau, it being noted therein that Judge West who tried the case against these two individuals held some doubt in his mind as to their guilt and granted a motion for a new trial, and that a second trial followed during the early part of 1936 which again resulted in a conviction as to both individuals. Because of the mandatory provision of the statutes, Sargent and Labrizzetta were each sentenced to serve a term of 25 years. This case is now pending in the Circuit Court of Appeals where a motion for a new trial was filed on the grounds of newly discovered evidence which motion, if the Circuit Court of Appeals so decides, is referred back to the trial judge for hearing. The original motion now awaits argument before the Circuit Court. The hearing in the Circuit Court has been twice postponed in the hope that in the meantime, certain men mentioned hereafter, might be questioned with the thought that the truth concerning this robbery might be obtained. *Howe*

Since the conviction of Sargent and Labrizzetta, the Post Office Inspectors succeeded in apprehending John Brock, whose apprehension was sought in connection with the Garrettsville Mail Robbery which occurred at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935. Brock has apparently given the correct details with regard to the Garrettsville Mail Robbery and in addition thereto, furnished the Post Office Inspectors a considerable amount of information with respect to the Warren, Ohio Mail Truck Robbery.

Statement of J. Brock to Post Office Inspectors

Brock has alleged in substance that during the latter part of February or the first part of March, 1935 Fred Hunter met him in Tulsa, Oklahoma and suggested that Brock might make some money. Arrangements were then made for Brock to meet Hunter at the Loraine Hotel at Toledo, Ohio soon thereafter. Hunter furnished Brock with the money to proceed to Toledo. Upon his arrival in Toledo Brock held numerous conferences with Hunter, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. During this sojourn in Toledo, Hunter and Brock proceeded to the depot in Warren, Ohio where they watched the Erie train come in, it arriving at about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Hunter showed Brock the mail truck whereupon they discussed holding up this mail truck. Hunter thereafter took Brock to the edge of the town in Warren and showed him a shed where they could secrete themselves after the proposed robbery. This shed is allegedly located in the southeast part of Warren, consists of old sheet metal, and is about twenty blocks from the Erie depot. According to Brock, Hunter had information to the effect that a payroll was received on the above mentioned train in Warren, Ohio twice monthly on the afternoon train, which payroll was for the steel mills in Warren. He informed Brock that he was obtaining his information from someone who had either been removed or who had previously been employed by the Post Office at Warren, Ohio. This individual was considered the "boss" and the "fixer" around Warren. At the time this survey was being made by Brock and Hunter, Brock asked why Hunter did not "take" the money at the Post Office, to which Hunter stated that the "man" meaning the "fixer", did not want it done that way, the man wanted it "taken" at the depot. Hunter and Brock then returned to Cleveland.

Two days later a conference was held by Karpis, Brock and Hunter at which time a discussion was had concerning the holdup of the Warren Mail Truck. Brock and Karpis went to Toledo that night and joined Campbell where the three again discussed the holdup of the truck. The exact dates of these meetings are not known, but from the information furnished by Brock it appears that all of these

discussions and movements took place during the Month of March, 1935. According to Brock, he returned to Oklahoma before the robbery took place. It is to be noted that there never has been an allegation to the effect that John Brock participated in this robbery. Brock has advised, however, that either during June or July, 1935 Fred Hunter appeared in Tulsa and advised Brock that the boys held up the truck in April, 1935; that they made seventy some thousand dollars out of the job, but that they had to give up 25%, 10% going to the man who was formerly employed at or had been removed from the Post Office and who was known as the "fixer", 10% going to Hunter, and 5% going to the party who had kept the boys in money before they "pulled" the job. From information disclosed in the Bremer case with regard to the Garrettsville job, it would appear very likely that the person furnishing money to the boys in order that this job might be "pulled" was none other than Joe Roscoe.

Hunter then told Brock that the boys, meaning Karpis and Campbell, went to New York and got a third boy to help them on the Warren Mail Truck holdup; that they had drawn a "rank", meaning they had been seen or tipped off in the depot and drove away, letting the robbery go for the time, then decided to head the truck off before it arrived at the Post Office, which was done. Hunter informed Brock that the boys cut in front of the mail truck, thus stopping it, and that Campbell and the boy from New York ran back to the mail truck, one on each side, and then took the truck to the shed which has been mentioned hereinbefore. Hunter advised Brock that the boys had the mail messenger in the mail truck, but that he got out on them. Brock asked Hunter whether the authorities had not identified two men on this job, to which Hunter replied that the authorities had so identified two individuals, but that these said individuals were not in on the job. Brock and Hunter then discussed the possibility of people being identified on "bum raps", whereupon Hunter stated something to the effect that "he was a smart _____ and it would do him good".

Brock has further informed that during November, 1935 he discussed with Campbell and Karpis the conviction of the two boys, meaning Sargent and Labrizzetta, at which time Brock asked Karpis and Campbell if the two boys who "fell on that rack" were really on that job, and Karpis and Campbell informed him that these men were not on the said mail truck robbery.

The Postal Inspectors have not permitted Special Agents to interview Brock concerning Karpis and Campbell, and the Agents have intimated that it is their feeling they have not been permitted to interview Brock in view of the fact that they might obtain information indicating that Sargent and Labrizzetta were unjustly convicted as the result of efforts on the part of Post Office Inspectors.

The Special Agents have obtained confidentially, through certain Postal Inspectors, further information with regard to the Warren Mail Truck Robbery indicating that the job was "cased" by Fred Hunter and Jack Craver who is a former Assistant Postmaster at Warren, Ohio, and that Joe Roscoe of Toledo, Ohio was also acquainted with the offense and prior to its commission made arrangements for the boys at Toledo to meet at the home of Edith Barry which is nothing more than a "call" house for prostitutes.

Post Officer Inspector Casey has informed Special Agent E. J. Dowd that the Post Office Inspectors are confident that Brock did not participate in the Warren Mail Truck Robbery, but that he was well acquainted with the plans of the robbery as well as with the getaway roads; and that Brock had convinced the Post Office Inspectors that he was telling the truth, after visiting the scene of the robbery with the Inspectors and traveling with them over the exact roads taken by the bandits after the robbery. Brock advised Inspector Casey that the loot consisted of \$72,000 in currency and bonds, the bonds having been destroyed and the money divided equally among Karpis, Campbell and one Johnnie, after payments of 10%, or \$7,200 each to Jack Craver, Fred Hunter and Joe Roscoe. The identity of Johnnie is not known to the Bureau at this time.

The Bureau is not advised as to the identity of the United States Attorney who succeeded in prosecuting Sargent and Labrizzetta, but it may reasonably be inferred that Mr. E. B. Freed, United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio was the party responsible for the prosecution. In his letter dated May 8, 1936 directed to the Criminal Division, Mr. Freed expresses very real concern over the conviction of Sargent and Labrizzetta and closes with the following paragraph: "Please understand that I have no desire to interfere where I have no right, nor do I have any desire to unduly burden you, but my great desire for the proper administration of justice, and the performance of duty in respect of the Warren conviction, prompts me to write."

As a matter of interest along this line, Detective Harry K. Manson of Toledo, Ohio who has always been considered particularly reliable by Agents working in that vicinity, has advised that he learned through a reliable source that United States Attorney E. B. Freed of Cleveland, Ohio and Attorney Marc Wolpaw were alleged to have received \$5,000 and \$2,000 respectively for their efforts to reduce the bond of George Sargent, a notorious gangster who was then being held at the County Jail in Cleveland charged with mail robbery. According to Manson, it is alleged that a Postal Inspector who was "planted" in the cell with Sargent had learned of the facts and the transaction, consequently, fell through. It is further alleged that it was the intention in the plan to reduce the bond so that Sargent could escape to Mexico. The Bureau has no information to substantiate the above allegation.

In view of the fact that there have been several allegations to the effect that the conviction of Sargent and Labrizzetta amounted to a miscarriage of justice, Alvin Karpis was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota at which time he advised that he knew definitely that these two persons were not guilty of this offense. He stated, however, that he would not furnish any information which might result in their release for the reason that Sargent had endeavored in every possible way to ascertain his, Karpis' and "Doc" Barker's location, and the only reason he did not turn them in is either because he did not know their whereabouts, or was afraid to do so.

*Don't
make a mistake*

The only other reference in the Bureau's files with regard to Labrizzetta refers to the holdup of a mail truck in Butler, Pennsylvania which occurred on August 24, 1934. In a communication dated May 9, 1935 directed to this Bureau, Post Office Inspector R. V. Keller of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania advised that one of the suspects in this robbery was Anthony Labrizetti alias Tony Campo. There is a notation after his name to the effect that he was arrested on April 26, 1935 at Akron, Ohio, PD-23086. It would therefore appear that these men are undoubtedly identical. The communication in that instance merely requested the Bureau to compare the fingerprints of that individual with latent prints which were found at the scene of the crime in Butler, Pennsylvania. That file is designated 48-1050.

Memo for the Director

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There are attached hereto photographs and criminal records
of Sargent and Labrizzetta.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
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Enclosures

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

July 3, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The investigation of the possible harboring charges at Toledo, Ohio has progressed very satisfactorily in that we have been able to obtain considerable information indicating the close association of Captain Timiney with the Angus brothers and also the association of all with the various subjects, including Karpis, Doc Barker, and Harry Campbell, as to whom we are charging as having harbored them during 1934, 1935, and 1936.

Our most recent information, although not as yet confirmed, is that possibly Timiney himself may have arranged a hideout for Karpis for possibly six weeks in early 1935 at the Algeo Hotel.

As to the general situation, that is the corruption existing politically at Toledo at the present time and in the past whereby prostitution and gambling exist openly with probable payoffs and as to which we have obtained some information definitely indicating this, the same condition, it is believed, exists today with only the usual ineffectual efforts to handle this. In keeping with this situation recently they raided the Jovial Club which is operated by Edward Warndke and owned by Mrs. Jimmie Hayes and Joe Roscoe. After an elaborate set-up they obtained one of the dice, a piece of the cloth from the gambling table, and fifty cents, although the place was in operation when they raided it.

Also recently the foreman of the state grand jury and who is probably a publicity seeker has made considerable of what the state grand jury is going to do as to the gambling, and thereafter he very indiscreetly announced that they had definite proof of the payoff to the police department. This was followed by a demand of Chief of Police Allen for proof and a retraction by Mr. Fox, foreman of the state grand jury, as indicated by the accompanying clippings from Toledo papers.

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The raid on the Jovial Club was conducted by Captain ^{Clarke} Fauble and members of the Vice Squad.

This situation serves no purpose except to make our inquiry difficult, and it, undoubtedly, makes these people more or less reluctant to furnish information in view of the ineffectual efforts being carried on, which usually end with no results having been accomplished.

We have established a tap on the telephone of Earl Ike Wittenberg, who with his brothers and others operate the Wittenberg, Jacobs and Berenson Bonding Company, 538 Erie Street, Toledo, telephone Main 9711. This is the party to whom the madams of the houses of prostitution refer when any arrests seem possible for information as to what it is all about. He has very good possibilities of being the "go between" between the collectors and those higher up.

We will have a tap established about July 4, 1936, Saturday, on the home telephone of Mrs. John Thomas alias Maxine Elliott, 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, telephone Adams 1556, who is reported to be the "Boss" madam and person to whom the others go as to paying off.

We hope to establish the above by these taps and also determine just how much can be learned in this manner to see whether other additional taps are warranted.

Special Agent R. C. Suran will be in charge of the agents working at Toledo in my absence and will with the Special Agent in Charge at Cleveland coordinate the work in the district during my absence at the training school for Special Agents in Charge starting July 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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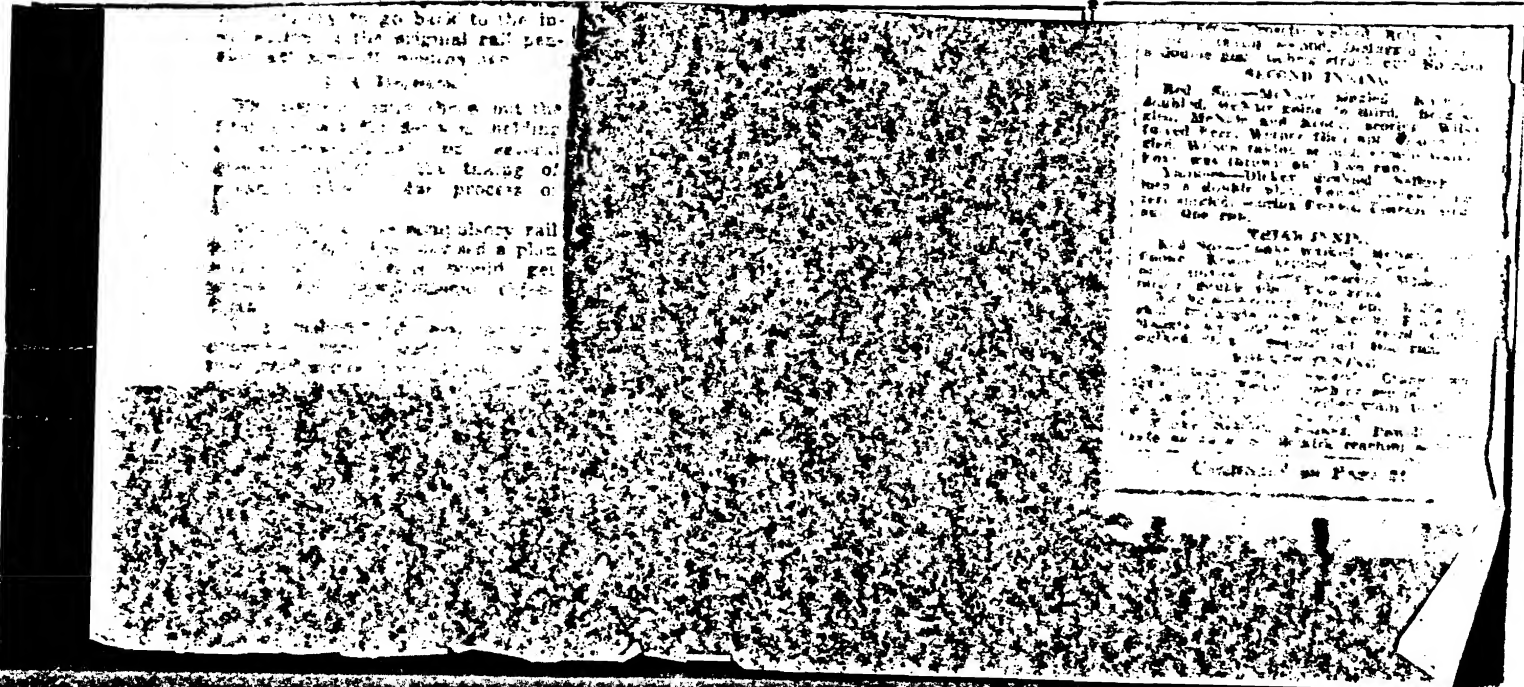
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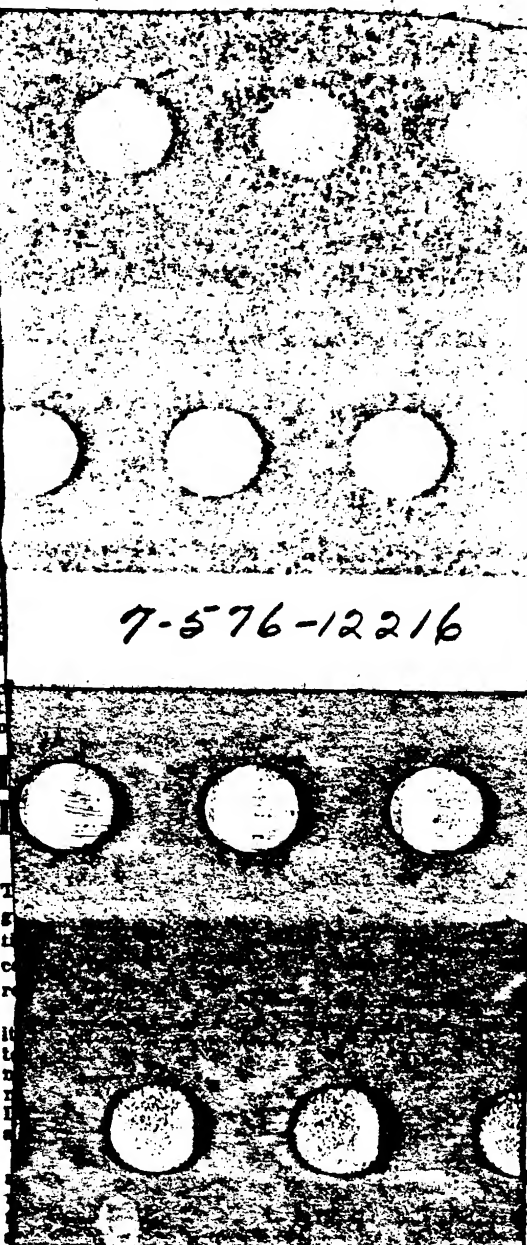
The appearance of Captain Fauble before the grand jurors closely follows his squad's raid on the Joval club, 631 St. Clair st. Tuesday night when two men were arrested on gaming charges.

An indication that the jurors are probing deeply into gambling conditions is seen in the subpoena ordering the appearance of J. C. Underwood, commercial representative of the Western Union Telegraph Co. It is presumed he will be questioned regarding the alleged leasing of telegraph wires to gaming centers carrying horse race results.

Another subpoena was issued for a Patrolman Pittman. There are two Patrolmen Pittmans in the Toledo police department. One is Lloyd and the other Ralph. It is not known which Patrolman Pittman is wanted.

Owners Sought

Further attempts to bring in owners or operators of property used for gambling purposes are to be made by the jury. A subpoena was issued for Eliza J. Dow, owner of property at 631 St. Clair st., oc-



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No Payoff Testimony

The foreman said the jury had not received any testimony at any time relative to any alleged payoff to policemen. The information he said he had on that subject were reports made to him from outside the grand jury room.

Asked if the testimony today uncovered evidence which would lead to new witnesses for the investigation, Mr. Fox answered in the negative.

He said that the gambling probe today was interrupted by two important cases, one of which was the \$30,000 Pennsylvania railroad station jewelry robbery. He added that Sheriff James O'Reilly, who was a witness for a few minutes, had given helpful information.

No representative of the prosecutor's office was in the grand jury room while the jurors questioned witnesses. Several weeks ago when the probe into gambling in Lucas county began, Mr. Fox announced that the assistance of the prosecutor's office was not needed.

Chief Allen said he will ask the jury to show the basis for the

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Witnesses 'Reached,'
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By BILL M'ADAMS

Charges that police are accepting tribute from Toledo gamblers and that grand jury witnesses in gambling cases have been tampered with were made Wednesday by Parker O. Fox, grand jury foreman.

Angrily he denounced Municipal Court decisions in gambling cases in the last few months.

"Apparently our witnesses are not the only persons reached when a gambling indictment is returned by the grand jury," Mr. Fox said.

The foreman of the jury, which has been in session since Tuesday, declared that he wouldn't mention the names of any particular judges but that the men he has in mind "know whether the shoe fits them."

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"The jury is watching with interest the outcome of the proposed pin-ball ordinance which comes before City Council Monday," Mr. Fox said. "The members who vote against it when it comes up will give themselves away."

The foreman was asked what he meant by "give themselves away."

"Figure it out for yourself," he retorted. "The public will know what I mean."

Nine More Summoned.

Mr. Fox declared that the grand jury is going to continue its city-county-wide gambling investigation and immediately issued nine additional subpoenas.

Police Chief Ray Allen, Sheriff James O'Reilly and Clarence Fauble, head of the police vice squad were summoned to testify before the jury this morning. Chief Allen and Sheriff O'Reilly have appeared before the jurors twice since the investigation began a month ago.

Mr. Fox would not disclose why they were recalled but said it was in connection with the gambling investigation.

Others called were Horace Wachter, 625 N. St. Clair Street; Eliza J. Dow, 2216 Parkwood Avenue, owner of the building at 631 N. St. Clair Street, where Ed Warnke operates the Jovial Club; Carl Rumpf, one of the liquidators of the Security Home Trust Co.; William Lewand, deputy sheriff, and Charles J. Underwood, contract manager of the Toledo office of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Harry Biggs and Wilbur McCoy, Toledo, O. identify George Timiney as being frequenter of Casino Club during 1934. Walter Howe, former employee of Casino Club, unable to make identifications of Barker-Karpis gang. Fred Goulet, Ted Angus and Harry Campbell registered as voters at Toledo, O. on 4/13/36. Property which was formerly occupied by Casino Club deeded to Fillie Broadway on 4/15/19 and property still in same name. Fillie Broadway probably relative of Joe Roscoe. James O'Reilly probation officer of Lucas County, O. during years 1932 and 1933. Basil Root, former entertainer at Casino Club during 1934, identifies photos of Willie Harrison, Jimmie Wilson and Doc Barker as frequenting Casino Club. Ross Root, another entertainer, identifies photos of Harrison, Wilson and Fitzgerald as being at Casino Club and states photo of Doc Barker resembles individual who was seen by him at the Casino during 1934. Orpha McMullen identifies photos of Wilson, Harrison, Fitzgerald and Doc Barker as likenesses of persons seen by her at Casino Club while she was an entertainer there. Elwood Yonkers admits taking Fitzgerald to Casino Club and admits purchasing Ford car for Willie Harrison in fall of 1933. Jack Schmidt, former waiter at Casino identifies photographs of Willie Harrison, Jimmie Wilson and Harry Campbell as frequenters of club during May and June, 1934; states George Timiney frequented Casino and was very friendly with the Angus brothers; C. H. Schmidt identifies Willie Harrison as being at Middle Island on 7/4/32. Hattie Harris states while employee of house of prostitution in Toledo from 1930 to 1932 she made monthly payments of

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100 each to Ted Angus for protection. Investigation disclosed that Earl (Ike) Wittenberg and his runner, Abe Shapiro, "The Muzzler", are connected with clique who make it possible for successful operation of houses of prostitution and gambling in Toledo. Investigation reveals Howard Thompson, Clarksburg, W. Va. probably transporting women in violation of WSTA. Body of unknown man with description similar to that of subject Moran found at Toledo, Ohio, 9/3/34. Probability of identifying body at this date appears impossible due to negligent manner in which case was handled by city and county authorities. Further information obtained concerning vice and gambling operations in Toledo.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 6/27/36.

DETAILS: AT TOLEDO, OHIO

This report covers the results of the investigation conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill, E. J. Wynn, J. V. Murphy, E. J. Dowd, D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran, concerning the individuals who harbored Alvin Karpis and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang at Toledo, Ohio, during the years 1934, 1935 and 1936, and their alleged connections with vice and gambling in Toledo, Ohio.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill, and E. J. Wynn, on June 24 and 25, 1936:

Captain Charles Hennessy of the Toledo Police Department, advised Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan that Harold Biggs, who operates a saloon and restaurant at 957 Phillips, was formerly a customer at the Casino Club in 1934 and might have some information regarding the Karpis-Barker gang having frequented that place.

Harold Biggs was first contacted by Agents on the 24th of June at his saloon, 957 Phillips, but he stated that he deemed it inadvisable to discuss the matter at the saloon. He further stated that he had a bartender working for him at the present time by the name of Wilbur E. McCoy and indicated that the latter might possibly be able to furnish some information of value, and accordingly arrangements were made to interview both Biggs and McCoy at the residence of Biggs, 4210 Overland Parkway on June 25, 1936.

On June 25, 1936 Harold Biggs was interviewed at his home and stated that in 1934 he visited the Casino Club operated by Bert and Ted Angus on various occasions, usually after hours, that is to say, after other "spots" had closed, in compliance with the Ohio state law; that for some reason the Angus brothers were able to keep open all night and were never bothered by the officials, either local or state. In this connection he stated that it was his understanding, as determined from general rumor, that the Angus brothers had the power to "fix" the officials and cited the following incident in support of this general understanding: That on one occasion an unknown man came into his restaurant and asked him if he was interested in remaining open after hours set by law, and if so this unknown man could "fix" it for \$25.00 per week, indicating to Biggs that the "fix" would be "put on" through Bert Angus; that this unknown man stated that he would return to see Biggs, however, he never returned, and his identity was never learned by Biggs. He stated that this occurred about 1934.

With reference to the customers at the Casino Club, he stated that the majority of them were people who came to the Casino after the other "spots" had closed, and that these people were from all over Toledo; also that they were people of the customary type who frequent the cheaper night clubs at Toledo; that he recalled that there was a very notorious negro woman entertainer by the name of "Big Nell" who worked at the Casino Club in 1934, and as a matter of fact, worked for the Angus brothers prior and subsequent to that time; that this woman put on a lewd act.

Biggs was shown the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, but was unable to identify any of the photographs as being those of persons observed by him at the Casino Club. He partially identified the photograph of Jimmie Wilson as a man he had seen somewhere around Toledo, but in this connection he stated that the photograph had a great resemblance to Jackie Kennedy, who was murdered by the Licovoli mob, that, therefore, he could not state definitely that he was not mistaking this picture for Jackie Kennedy. He also hesitated when looking at the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and stated that he was of the opinion he had seen a man somewhat similar to the photograph, but he was unable to state where or when.

Biggs further stated that one of the Broadway daughters, who drives a Lincoln sedan, and who, he thinks, owns the 42nd Street Cafe, was at the Casino Club every time he visited the place. He stated that in view of the fact that he saw this woman at the Casino Club on each visit made there by him he was under the impression that she had a financial interest in the Casino Club; that if this woman was contacted she should be able to give quite a bit of information regarding the activities of the club during that period. (This woman, no doubt, is the wife of Joe Roscoe.)

In the latter part of 1934, or early part of 1935, Biggs stated that he was at the Casino Club at about three A. M. on one occasion with Wilbur E. McCoy, and some friends; that the club was doing a good business and liquor was being sold; that Detective George Timiney, whom he knows personally, accompanied by two other detectives, one of whom he thinks was Art Langendorf, came in and sat down at a table and drank liquor; that this was on a Saturday, or to be more exact, Sunday morning; that Timiney burst some stink bombs in the Casino Club, which caused some commotion, and Timiney got quite a laugh out of it, but the Angus brothers became very angered.

During the course of the interview with Biggs, he stated that he was a personal friend of Captain Hennessy and considers Hennessy a "straight cop"; that he, Biggs, considers Timiney a "big crook"; that he understood from rumors that Timiney was closely allied with the Angus brothers; that Timiney is the "big fix", but he doubts that Timiney, personally collects the "graft money." Although he did not so state, his general demeanor and conversation indicated that he had discussed Timiney with Captain Hennessy.

Wilbur E. McCoy, 317 Cincinnati Street, Toledo, Ohio, a bartender for Biggs, stated that he recalls being present with Biggs at the Casino Club on one Saturday night in late 1934 or early 1935, and that Detective Timiney and two other detectives of the Toledo Police Department came in to the Casino Club and sat down at one of the tables and drank some liquor; that Captain Timiney burst a stink bomb in the

club, which caused quite some commotion; that Timiney seemed to have gotten quite a "kick" out of it, but the Angus brothers "got sore." He stated that this was about three o'clock in the morning, and that he knows Captain George Timiney personally.

McCoy stated that during 1934 he visited the Casino Club on various occasions, usually after hours. He was shown the photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob, but was unable to identify any of them. With reference to persons known to him to have frequented the Casino Club regularly during 1934, he recalled Harold Cook, who operated a barber shop in the three hundred block on Columbus Street; Fred Burkhart, conductor for the Ann Arbor Railroad, who resides in the twenty-one hundred block on Erie Street; and Vic Kerwin an entertainer by profession, who recently worked at the Evergreen Gardens on Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and H. B. Dill on June 24 and 25, 1936:

Harold Biggs, 957 Phillips, who has been interviewed along another angle, as previously reported, stated that a War Veteran, who is a customer of his restaurant and saloon, lost all of his bonus money, which he was told amounted to about \$500.00 at Ben Harris' gambling house, located at 120 Superior Street in Toledo. Biggs stated that he did not know this veteran's name, but stated that he would endeavor to secure it and tell Agent his name and address some time in the near future.

Biggs further stated that he is acquainted with a heavy-set blonde, whose first name is Belle; that she operates Belle's Tavern, near Camp Perry, Ohio, which is also near Port Clinton, Ohio; that Tom Worland operates a joint next door to Belle's Tavern, and that Worland sells liquor and operates a gambling game in this joint, catering to employees and soldiers at Camp Perry; that Belle had some pin ball machines in her place and Tom Worland made a complaint to the State Liquor Agents about Belle's operating these pin ball machines as gambling devices in a place where liquor was being sold, and as a result the State Liquor Agents notified Belle to take the pin ball machines out; that she complied with the order by placing these machines in the kitchen of her restaurant, until such time as the owner came to call for them; that apparently Worland was not satisfied and again complained to the State Liquor Agents, which resulted in Belle's liquor license being suspended for thirty days.

This situation will be followed up further as to possible corrupt connection of Tom Worland with State Liquor Control Agents.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and H. B. Dill on June 29, 1936, at Toledo, Ohio:

During the course of Agents' interview with Harold Biggs and Wilbur E. McCoy at the home of Harold Biggs, 4210 Overland Parkway, set out elsewhere in this report, Agents were informed by McCoy that he, McCoy, recalled seeing Harold Cook, who is a barber at 324 Columbus Street, at the Casino Club on a number of occasions, and that Cook should be able to furnish some information regarding the activities at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934.

Harold Cook, on being interviewed at his barber shop, 324 Columbus Street, stated that in the summer or fall of 1934, he visited the Casino Club on four or five occasions; that, however, he did not notice anything peculiar with regard to the activities around the Casino Club at that time, and therefore, does not recall any specific instances that occurred at the club on the visits made there by him; that nearly all the people there were strangers to him and that for this reason he did not notice any particular group.

Agents showed the photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob to Cook, but Cook was unable to make any identifications.

On questioning Cook with regard to the employees at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934, he stated that the only persons he recalled who were employed there at that time were Ted Angus, who owned the place, Bert Angus, Ted Angus' brother, who was a bartender, and a man by the name of Howe, who was waiting tables; that he did not know Howe's first name, but that Howe was now living in the twenty-six hundred block on Summit Street; that there were others working at the Casino at that time, but he did not know them, nor did he know how this information might be obtained unless the Agents could get it from the Angus brothers or from Howe.

Agents ascertained by a search in the twenty-six hundred block on Summit Street, that the man named Howe, referred to by Harold Cook as being one of the waiters at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934, is named Walter Howe and now resides at 2607 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Walter Howe, on being interviewed by Agents, stated that he worked at the Casino Club about November, 1934; that he was sure that he did not work at the Casino Club before the time mentioned because he did not join the waiters' union until October, 1934, and that he never worked at the Casino Club until after he joined the union; that he only worked there about one month and that he does not remember seeing any particular group around the Casino at the time he was employed there; that he only worked about one month because the hours were too long and he did not feel that he was getting paid enough to

justify working such long hours.

Howe further stated that he never recalled seeing any officers of the Toledo Police Department at the Casino, except on one occasion when he saw two plain clothes policemen come into the club and have a few drinks; that he did not know either of these officers personally, but that he thought one of them was named Hovey (phonetic).

With reference to employees of the Casino Club during the time he was employed there, Howe stated that the only person he recalls working there at that time, other than Ted Angus, who owned the place, and Bert Angus, Ted Angus' brother, who acted as bartender, was a man by the name of Jack Smith, commonly called "Cum Cum"; that Cum Cum was the head waiter at that time and that it was his understanding that Cum Cum had worked for the Angus brothers at the Casino Club for quite some time. Howe stated that he has heard recently that Cum Cum is now working at the Glass Bar located at Phillips and Detroit Streets.

In view of the fact that Agents have been in the Glass Bar where a confidential informant has been contacted it is deemed inadvisable to hazard exposing this confidential informant by having the identity of the reporting Agents known to Jack Smith. Cum Cum will be interviewed by other Agents.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn, on June 29, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 1936, page 23, detailing an interview with Deane Allen, wherein she stated, in confidence, that Fred Goulet mentioned to her that he took Harry Campbell to register in order to be able to vote; that Ted Angus was in the room and made a signal of recognition with his hand to Campbell.

Agents contacted Mr. Harry M. Curtis, Deputy Clerk, Board of Elections, 136 Huron Street, Toledo, Ohio, who explained that in Lucas County there is but one central registration bureau, which is located at the Board of Elections Building; that all persons who register come to this central bureau; that a person is asked the qualifying questions as to residence, and if the answers are satisfactory, he is sworn to the registration form, without any more ceremony, and it is not a requisite that he prove the statements, or be introduced at the Board of Elections. Registrations are not numbered, and no record is maintained showing the sequence of persons registering, but the cards on which the information required and sworn to appears, are filed in alphabetical order in the Board of Elections office, and a similar card, containing the same information, is sent to the respective voting places on election day, in a loose leaf folder, and following the election these various loose leaf folders are returned and kept at the Board of Elections. In short, it is impossible to determine from the records, the fact as to whether two or more persons who registered to vote were in the room at the same time, although it is possible, knowing the names of various people, to determine from the date of the notarization on their respective cards, as to whether they registered on the same date.

Mr. Curtis pulled the registration cards of those persons listed below, and the designated information set out below was found recorded on the cards:

Theodore Angus, 4209 N. Lockwood,
Ward 11, Precinct M
Date of Registration - 4/13/36.
Notary Public - Mary U. O'Dwyer.

Fred Goulet, 2130 Monroe
Ward 6, Precinct J
Date of Registration - 4/13/36
Notary Public - Clifford Kaighin

Clarence Charles Miller (Harry Campbell)
2132 Monroe Street
Date of Registration - 4/13/36
Ward 6, Precinct J
Notary Public - S. A. Nowakowski

(Answers to questions on the card reflect that the voter stated he was a native of Ohio; that he had resided in Toledo for more than a year.)

Catherine Goulet, 2130 Monroe Street
Ward 6, Precinct J
Date of Registration - 4/13/36
Notary Public - Olive Shanteau

A registration card for Esther Goulet was also located indicating she registered on April 8, 1936. There is no registration card on file for Bert Angus.

Mr. Curtis exhibited the records of statistics of the number of voters who register to vote on April 13, 1936, and that there were 731 people who transferred their residence; that April 13, 1936, was the last day of registration prior to the election; that, as indicated, there were many people in the office on that date, and it was necessary to employ extra notaries public, including Mrs. Mary U. O'Dwyer, and Mrs. Olive Shanteau, who notarized the registrations of Theodore Angus and Catherine Goulet, as above set out.

Mr. Clifford Kaighin, notary public, who notarized the registration of Fred Goulet on April 13, 1936, was interviewed at the Board of Elections, and he stated that he does not personally know Fred Goulet; that there was nothing about the registration to recall it to his attention as it was but one of many he notarized on that date.

Mr. S. A. Nowakowski, notary public, who notarized the registration of Clarence Charles Miller (Harry Campbell) was interviewed, and stated that he had a faint recollection that this individual came in to register in the morning hours, but he could not be certain; that after the picture of Campbell appeared in the Toledo, Ohio, newspapers, following his apprehension on May 7, 1936, he identified the photograph as the man who registered under the name of Miller. He exhibited the picture he had reference to, which was a picture published in the News-Bee at the same time the photograph of the registration card was published, it appearing that immediately after the announcement of the arrest of Campbell, Mr. Curtis made it a point to check the registrations for the name "Clarence Charles Miller", out of curiosity, and upon finding such a registration gave the information to the newspaper. Mr. Nowakowski was not sure as to whether he would have been able to associate Campbell with the particular registration had he not seen the newspaper article. He could not furnish any information as to any persons, if any there were, who accompanied Campbell to the registration bureau.

Mrs. Mary U. O'Dwyer, 132 Twenty-first Street, and Mrs. Olive Shanteau, 3317 Mayo Street, were interviewed, with reference to their notarizations of the registrations of Theodore Angus and Catherine Goulet. They could not offer any information of value, both stating that they had no recollection of the incident, and that they were unacquainted with the persons.

Mr. William E. Galvin is the clerk of the Board of Elections, and the custodian of the records.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn on June 29, 1936:

While reviewing the Toledo, Ohio, newspaper, The Morning Times, Agent noted that in the Sunday issue, May 6, 1934, there appeared an article with reference to the activities of James O'Reilly as a probation officer for Lucas County, Ohio.

The article stated that Detective James O'Reilly (now Sheriff of Lucas County) has been probation officer for four years; that "probations are granted by the Common Pleas Judges after investigation of the case by Detective O'Reilly, and the prosecutor."

Statistics with reference to probations handled by O'Reilly are quoted as follows:

Year 1932 - 445 first offenders probated; 43 revoked for various reasons;
Year 1933 - 415 placed on probation; 30 revoked for various reasons.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn on June 24, 1936, for the purpose of determining the legal owner of the premises occupied by the Little Club, which was formerly the Casino Club operated by Bert and Ted Angus.

The real estate records in the office of the Appraisal Department of Lucas County, were examined as well as real estate transfers. The records with reference to the property in question are recorded in Volume E, page 33, of the Recorder's records. The property is located in Washington Township, and is described as a parcel 40 feet by 126 feet, whose southeast corner is 130 feet north of Monument C, in plat of meander line, Volume 17, page 44 of Recorder's Plats, the tract of land in which the parcel is located being known as Wausonoquette Tract.

The records reflect that the parcel originally belonged to the Northwest Garden Land Company; that on October 10, 1917, it was deeded to Sarah Keller, who in turn, on April 15, 1919, deeded the parcel to Fillie Broadway. The street number of the parcel, as shown by the records, is 4131 Summit Street.

The records reflect that the premises at 4127 Summit Street, occupied by Francis E. Hosier, who is an employee of the Jovial Club, and who has been interviewed in this investigation, inasmuch as he lived at that address during the time the Angus brothers ran the Casino Club, belonged to James J. Hayes, who it is to be recalled was the Toledo gambler, who was killed in Detroit several years ago; that on October 11, 1935, this property was transferred by Lenora Hayes, widow of James J. Hayes, to Agnes H. Warndke, the latter being the wife of Ed Warndke, present Toledo, Ohio gambler and reported owner of the Jovial Club.

The parcels of land with street numbers indicated as 4135 and 4139 Summit Street are owned by the Owens Realty Company, as well as those parcels with street numbers 4117 and 4121.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and H. B. Dill on June 29 and 30, 1936:

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 1936 and June 20, 1936, indicating interviews with John Patrick Murray, an entertainer at the Casino Club in 1934, it being recalled that he stated that he was in an entertainment act with Russ Roth (phonetic) and also that Murray identified photographs of Doc Barker and Jimmie Wilson as frequenters of the club, and that on one occasion a man who was with them picked a fight with Murray in which Barker and Wilson became involved and that during the course of this fight a revolver was displayed.

Investigation conducted with reference to the entertainers who worked with Pat Murray resulted in locating Ross Root and Basil Root, 830 Vance Street, Toledo, Ohio (brothers) and Orpha McMullen, 1203 Gordon Street, Toledo, Ohio. It appears that these people, with Murray, entertained as an act at the Casino Club from about May, 1934, to about July, 1934, inclusive, with the exception of Orpha McMullen, who was with the act only a month, it appearing that she left the act because of the character of people who frequented the Casino Club.

Ross Root was interviewed first at his home 830 Vance Street. He adopted a sullen attitude and failed to identify any of the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, which were exhibited to him, it being noted by the Agents that he paid little attention to the photographs and apparently adopted the attitude of knowing nothing, although his demeanor definitely indicated that he did possess information, as he was very nervous and his face was flushed. Under the circumstances, it was deemed advisable to interrogate him, together with his brother, Basil, and Orpha McMullen, who is Ross Root's sweetheart, at the office being maintained in Toledo, Ohio, and accordingly these three persons were brought to the office. Ross Root and Basil Root rode with Agents to the home of Orpha McMullen and there Ross Root had an opportunity to talk with Orpha McMullen alone for a few minutes.

Basil Root, who is a young man about 22 years of age, and a student at Toledo University, was interrogated and the following signed statement obtained from him the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office:

"Toledo, Ohio
"June 29, 1936

"I, BASIL ROOT, 830 Vance St., Toledo, Ohio, make the following statement to Special Agents H. B. Dill, and E. J. Wynn, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, freely and voluntarily, without promise of reward or fear of punishment.

"In 1934, from the months of May to July, inclusive, as best I recall, I was employed as an entertainer at the Casino Club, on Summit Street in Point Place, operated by Bert and Ted Angus.

"I have been just shown the photograph of a man I identify as a man who frequented the Casino Club during that period and was called Jimmie. I have just been told that it is a photograph of Jimmie Wilson. I have signed my name on the reverse side of the photograph as indicating my identification.

"I have just observed a photograph marked 1829 Hammond, Ind., 11-16-33, and identify it as a man who also frequented the Casino Club during that period and was known there as Willie. I have signed my name on the reverse side of this photograph as indicating my identification.

"I have just viewed two photographs of a man who was also at the Casino Club during that period in 1934. I have just been told that the photographs are those of Doc Barker. I have signed my name on the reverse side of the photographs as indicating my identification.

"Willie often wore golf trousers, and often came in without a shirt. He often got drunk in a big way, and was 'screwy', that is, he was eccentric, gave impersonations and sang. He travelled with Jimmie and with the other man whose photograph I have identified, and who I am told is Doc Barker. All three of these men were at the Casino Club frequently, and drank liquor. Both Bert and Ted Angus talked with these men in a friendly way, and from my observation I would say that these three men and Bert and Ted Angus were friends. These three men were 'bar flys', that is, they usually drank at the bar rather than sitting at a table.

"I recall that one of the three, and I am inclined to think it was Jimmie, altho I cannot be sure, was always requesting that I play the song, 'Ace In The Hole.'

"The photograph of the man I have been advised is that of Doc Barker, represents the general disposition he maintained at the times I observed him at the Casino Club, that is, he was rather stoic and sullen, and he never had much to say.

"All three of the men whose photographs I have identified as stated above appeared to have plenty of money, and I recall that they tipped the entertainers freely. These men often would come in of an evening and stay a while, then leave, and come back.

"I recall that Pay Murray was an entertainer, and that he and the man I identify as Willie never got along very well, as Willie had the habit of bothering Pat when Pat was singing. I recall that on the last nite I worked at the Casino Club, which was about the last of July 1934, as best I can recall, Willie and Pay Murray got into a fight, and Willie pulled a revolver and twirled it around on his finger. He was drunk. Jimmie was there and he tried to pacify Willie, but it was impossible, and this resulted in a general brawl in the place. I know that Ted Angus was in the

Casino Club on this occasion, but I do not think Bert Angus was there. I recall that Ted Angus had new furniture in the place, and that when the fight first started between Willie and Pat Murray, Ted Angus came over and said, 'Boys don't break up my joint.' The general brawl lasted for a few minutes and then was all over.

"The three men I have identified, that is, Jimmie, Willie, and the man I am told is Doc Barker, appeared to be inseparable friends and were generally at the Casino Club together. Jimmie on various occasions would have a woman along with him. I do not recall Willie or Doc Barker having any women in the Casino at any time.

"I have read the above statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

WITNESS:

/s/ BASIL ROOT

H. B. Dill - E. J. Wynn
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

"Since signing the above statement I have picked out another photograph from the number shown me marked on the back, 'C. J. Fitzgerald' and have affixed my signature to the reverse side as a mark of identification. This is a picture of an elderly man (full view) standing with a cane, and dressed in dark pants and a white shirt. This man was a frequent visitor at the Casino Club at the time I worked there. He was a very flashy dresser, and he always had a cane. I saw this man with the man I have identified as 'Jimmie' on a number of occasions.

WITNESS:

/s/ BASIL ROOT

H. B. Dill - E. J. Wynn
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio."

Basil Root appeared very cooperative, was very frank in his identifications, as well as positive. He stated that there were other men and women associating at the Casino Club with the members of the gang identified by him as set out in his statement, but he was unable to identify any of them from the group of photographs of the gang shown to him, together with their women, who are known to have been in Toledo and at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934. With reference to Willie Harrison, he stated that he had heard, possibly from his brother, Ross Root, that Harrison had been killed in Chicago by a gang, and generally, with reference to persons identified by him, as set out in his statement, and their associates, who he is unable to identify, he formed the opinion that they were gangsters because of their boisterous conduct, free spending of money and close friendship with Bert and Ted Angus. Concerning Ted Angus, he stated that he had heard rumors to the effect that Ted was a "fixer" and a friend of criminals.

Basil Root was questioned with reference to other employees of the Casino Club during the period he was employed there, and he stated that he recalled a waiter by the name of "Jack", last name unknown, and a woman cook by the name of "Marie", last name unknown. (The Jack referred to may be Jack Smith, alias Cum Cum, who is presently reported to be employed as a waiter at the Glass Bar located at Detroit and Phillips Streets, Toledo, Ohio. This information was developed by Agents in interview with a former waiter, Walter Howe, and further details are set out elsewhere in this report under the interview with Howe.) He stated that Bert Angus was the only bartender he could recall that worked there at the time he was employed there and that he did not remember any porters or other employees.

During the course of the interview he was asked concerning the presence of any law enforcement officials at the Casino Club and he stated that he recalled one occasion when two men came into the club and drank at the bar, and he understood that they were detectives of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department, but that he was not personally acquainted with them and that he is at the present time unable to call their names. Among the photographs exhibited to Basil Root were two of detective Timiney, but he was unable to identify either of these pictures as being either of the detectives observed by him, or as a customer of the Casino Club.

Generally speaking with reference to the type of persons who patronized the Casino Club at that time, he stated that he gained the impression that they were hoodlums and crooks and that most of the customers appeared to be known by both Bert and Ted Angus; that his customers were prone to carouse in a big way and raise a great deal of disturbance, these jamborees lasting, on certain occasions, until dawn.

Ross Root was interrogated in detail, and persisted in maintaining a "know nothing" attitude, finally stating that it was the accepted practice for an entertainer to "see nothing, hear nothing, and tell nothing." After considerable questioning, during the course of which Orpha McMullen was interrogated separately, the latter advised Agents that Ross Root had told her that she would be shown photographs, and that she should look them over, but make no identifications, and, as a matter of fact, she had made no identifications up to this point, but did make identifications subsequently, as will be set out later in this report.

Ross Root was specifically asked as to whether or not he had advised Miss McMullen to refrain from making any identifications and he replied in the negative, whereupon Miss McMullen was brought into the room where Ross was being interviewed, and she faced Ross Root, and she was asked by Agents if it was a fact that Ross Root had so advised her, at which point she turned to Agents and said, "Do I have to answer that question?" and in reply Agents advised her and Ross Root that the decision as to whether she should answer the question was being left to Ross Root and that if he desired to embarrass her by insisting that the question be answered it was up to him. He endeavored to evade the issue, but was held to the point, and finally told Miss McMullen to go ahead and answer the question, whereupon she promptly replied, "Yes, you told me I would be shown a bunch of pictures and I was to look them over but make no identifications. I am going to tell them the truth and that is what you should do." Ross Root then admitted that he so advised Miss McMullen, offering the explanation that he did not want to involve her as a witness.

The following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office, was secured from Ross Root:

"Toledo, O.
"June 29, 1936.

"I, ROSS ROOT, 830 Vance Street, Toledo, O., make the following free and voluntarily statement to Special Agents H. B. Dill, and E. J. Wynn of the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"I was employed at the Casino Club on Summit Street in Point Place, in the summer of 1934, from about May to July 1934, inclusive. I was an entertainer, playing a piano, and in the act were my brother Basil Root, Miss Orpha McMullen, and a fellow by the first name of Pat, who sang.

"I understand that Ted Angus was the owner of the Casino Club. Bert Angus, his brother, tended bar at the Casino Club.

"I have just picked out a photograph from a number shown me, marked 1829 Hammond, Ind. 11-16-33, and I have affixed my signature on the reverse side as a mark of identification. This photograph has the typewritten name on the reverse side, 'William J. Harrison.' This man was a frequent customer, and often came in dressed in his undershirt and wearing golf pants. He used to get pretty drunk and box around with Pat. One night he came in with an old man who had a cane. I have just picked out a photograph of this old man, and have signed my name on the reverse side of the photograph as a mark of identification. This photograph has the name, 'C. J. Fitzgerald' typewritten on the reverse side. I saw this old man on only the one occasion. The man whose photograph has the name William J. Harrison on the reverse side, used to request us to play the song, 'Ace in the Hole' very often. I have heard from rumor that he was shot and killed in Chicago.

"I have just viewed two photographs with the name Jimmy Wilson typewritten on the reverse side, and I have affixed my signature to the reverse sides as a mark of identification. I saw this man at the Casino Club on numerous occasions during the time I was there in the summer of 1934. He often came in with a woman dressed in an evening gown.

"I have just picked out two photographs which have typewritten on the reverse side the name Arthur Barker. These photographs, on the reverse side of which I have signed my signature, are familiar, and resemble a man I saw at the Casino Club on various occasions in the summer of 1934.

"I recall that on the last night we were there, in about the last of July 1934, there was a fight started, and somebody pulled a gun, but I am unable to state just who it was. After this fight I figured the place was full of gangsters, and so we quit the place. The fellow who had the gun was drunk. One of the Angus brothers hollered out, 'Don't break up the furniture.'

"I have read the above statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

Witness:

/s/ ROSS ROOT

H. B. Dill - E. J. Wynn,
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Bldg., Cleveland, O."

Ross Root is a cripple and is a barber by occupation, and at the present time does occasional entertaining work at night. He is a hostile witness, and as indicated, the information secured from him, as set out in his signed statement, was secured only after long and vigorous interview.

Miss Orpha McMullen was first questioned in the office being maintained in Toledo, Ohio, where she viewed the various photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, and their associates. She at first stated that she could not recall any persons at the Casino Club in 1934, who resembled any of the photographs, however, as is indicated above, she subsequently changed her attitude and furnished the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office:

"Toledo, Ohio
"June 29, 1936.

"I, ORPHA McMULLEN, 1203 Gordon Street, Toledo, Ohio, make the following statement to Special Agents H. B. Dill, and E. J. Wynn, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, freely and voluntarily.

"In the summer of 1934, about July as best I can recall, altho I am not exactly sure of the month, but am positive that it was not any later than July, I was working at the Casino Club on Summit Street in Point Place, as an entertainer with Basil and Ross Root, and Pat Murray.

"The Casino Club was operated by Bert and Ted Angus. They were both there practically all the time. I was employed for a period of from three weeks to a month.

"I have been shown numerous photographs and have picked out one marked on the face, '1829 Hammond Ind. 11-16-33' and have affixed my signature on the reverse side as a mark of identification. This photograph is marked on the back with the typewritten name, 'William J. Harrison.' I have picked out a photograph from a number shown me of an old man with a cane, and have signed my name on the reverse side as a mark of identification, and note also that on the reverse side is the typewritten name, 'C. J. Fitzgerald.' I have picked out two photographs from a number shown me, and have signed my name on the reverse side as a mark of identification, and note that each photo on the reverse side has the typewritten name, 'Jimmy Wilson.' This man was observed by me at the Casino Club on numerous occasions while I was working there and I then knew his name only as Jimmy. I have picked out two photographs from a number shown me, and have signed my name on the reverse side as a mark of identification, and note that these photographs have also on the reverse side the typewritten name, 'Arthur Barker.'

"The man I now am told is Willie Harrison came to the Casino Club almost every night while I was employed there. He usually came with the man I now am told is C. J. Fitzgerald, and whose photograph I have identified as above stated. These two men usually sat together, and they would get drunk, and kid each other, and I recall that on one occasion Harrison got up and pulled off his shirt. Fitzgerald one time invited me over to his table, and told me he knew how I could make a lot of money, but of course that I would have to take a chance of getting shot, and I told him that I did not care so much for that and got up and walked away. He also said that I would have to duck in and out of windows. He had a cane at that time, and walked with a limp. Harrison drove Fitzgerald out to the Casino in Fitzgerald's car. I know this because one night Harrison made the remark that the old man would have to get a new driver.

"Jimmy Wilson, who I knew only as Jimmy, was an almost nightly customer at the Casino during the three weeks or month that I was there. He was rather a nice kid, and I never observed him drunk. So far as I recall he usually came in by himself.

"The man I partially identify, and whose photograph bears my signature on the reverse side, appears to be familiar, and if I recall, he was a customer at the Casino Club, but as I have stated, I cannot be sure about him. I do recall that the man I refer to was a short, dark man about 35 years of age.

"Harrison, Fitzgerald and Jimmy seemed to be friends and stuck together. There were several men and women who associated with them, but I do not know who they were. This crowd would stay until two or three o'clock or later on the occasions of their visits there, and they all drunk a lot and whooped things up. I would observe Bert and Ted Angus talk with them both at the bar, and Ted particularly often came over and sat at the table with them and talked and drank with them. I recall that Harrison was always singing, 'Love Thy Neighbor', and the crowd would ask us to play the song, 'Ace in the Hole,' and also the song, 'The Last Roundup' and 'The Beer Song.'

"This crowd had plenty of money and spent it freely, and they acted suspicious to me. Fitzgerald always gave me a \$1.00 bill when I sang a song for him. I recall that one of the bunch gave me \$2.00 to go over and sing the song, 'My Wild Irish Rose' to a Jewish man who was in the club.

"I have been studying the photographs with the name Arthur Barker on the reverse side, which I signed with my name on the reverse side also as set out above, and who I stated that I thought I saw at the Casino Club. I am now positive that I

have seen him at the Casino Club during the time I worked there in the summer of 1934, but I do not recall him as clearly as those others I have mentioned above.

"I have read the above statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

WITNESS:

/s/ ORPHA McMULLEN

H. B. Dill - E. J. Wynn
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Bldg.,
Cleveland, O."

As is stated above in this report, Miss McMullen stated that the reason for her at first not making any identifications from the pictures shown to her was because she had been told by Ross Root to look at the pictures, but not to make any identifications; that Ross Root made this statement to her at the time he came into her house for her when Agents brought Ross to her house to get her on the evening of June 29, 1936.

Miss McMullen stated that she was unable to recall the names of any of the employees at the Casino Club during the period she was there; that Bert Angus was the only bartender she could recall, he being there nearly all of the time behind the bar.

She was unable to recall the presence of any law enforcement officials at the Casino Club during the time she was employed there.

Miss McMullen further stated that the crowds at the Casino Club at that time were not particularly large, and that it often appeared that the members of the gang, whom she identified, as is set out in her statement, and their associates, whom she is unable to identify, comprised one large party and were practically the only party in the club; that they were a very carefree bunch, spent money freely and were very friendly with Bert and Ted Angus, who used to sit at the tables with the crowd, and that on the whole she gathered the impression that they were gangsters or hoodlums of some sort. She related that on one occasion some unidentified man, who was with the crowd, insisted on getting her drunk and that as a result her sweetheart, Ross Root, insisted that she leave the act, which she did and she has never returned to the Casino Club since that time.

The pictures which were identified and signed by Ross Root, Basil Root and Orpha McMullen are being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office. These photographs are properly marked.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill, and E. J. Wynn on June 24, 1936:

It is to be recalled that Charles J. Fitzgerald, when in Toledo, Ohio, in 1934, lived for a time with Elwood S. Yonker, alias C. W. Woods, who at that time was a bootlegger; also, that in September, 1933, as set out in the reports of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Detroit, Michigan, dated April 18, 1934 and May 3, 1934, Yonker aided Willie Harrison in purchasing a Ford automobile at Toledo, Ohio, the purchase being made under the name of T. C. Blackburn. Yonker, and the woman with whom he is living, Alleyne Hoyt, have been previously interviewed, and a signed statement taken from Yonker dated at Cleveland, Ohio, February 20, 1935.

The following signed statement was secured from Yonker on June 24, 1936, the original of which is contained in the Cleveland Bureau office file:

"Toledo, Ohio
"June 24, 1936.

"I, ELWOOD YONKER, make the following statement to Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, freely and voluntarily:

"I live at 2525 Georgetown Ave., Toledo, O. I run the Deauville Cafe at 842 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio.

"In about 1920, the exact date I cannot recall, while I was engaged in the bootlegging business, I heard that Big Charlie, at Niles Beach, Ohio, had Canadian beer for sale, and I drove there and contacted him and bought some. I now know that his name is Fitzgerald. Art Bystrom was associated with Big Charlie at that time.

"I, in about 1927, drove from Toledo, O. to Calumet City, Ill. to see Bert Angus, and he introduced me to a man known as Little Willie, who was in the saloon business with Bert in Calumet City, Ill., and Little Willie was also a golf player. I later learned from him that his name was Willie Harrison, and I have just observed a photograph shown by Special Agents H. B. Dill, and E. J. Wynn, marked 1829 Hammond, Ind., 11-16-33, and I identify it as a photograph of Willie Harrison. I bought alcohol from Willie at that time, and made frequent trips from Toledo, O. to Calumet City, Ill. to buy alcohol from Willie.

"On one trip to Calumet City, Ill. I met Big Charlie at Willie's place, and I had a few beers with Big Charlie. This was the first time I met him since. I first met him at Niles Beach, O., as related above. This was some time in 1931 or 1932.

"In about May 1934, while I was getting ready to move from upstairs at 4209 N. Lockwood, Big Charlie drove up in a Buick automobile, and came in and told me then that his name was Murphy, and he introduced his wife who was with him. He called his wife by the name of Belle. They stayed one night with us at 4209 N. Lockwood, and then when Alleyne Hoyt, with whom I was living, and myself moved the next day to 2110 Washington St., Toledo, O., Big Charlie and his wife came over and lived with us for about a week. During this time he talked to me about Canadian whiskey, stating that he could bring it in and I could sell it. During this time Willie Harrison came up to my place and asked for Big Charlie and the latter went out with Willie to see a man who was sitting down on the street in a car. I cannot identify the man who was in the car. During this time Big Charlie asked me to drive him out to the Casino Club on Summit Street, which place to my knowledge was then operated by Bert and Ted Angus. He did not say that he knew Bert and Ted Angus. When we arrived there we sat down at a table and two fellows came over and talked a few words to him, and all three went over to the bar, and sent me over a drink. Bert was tending bar at that time. I imagine that they were there a couple of hours, and then left. Big Charlie did not tell me who the man were that he met at the Casino.

"About a week after Big Charlie arrived at my home, he and his wife left Toledo, Ohio, by train, stating that they were going to Canada to arrange about the liquor. I stored the Buick automobile in the garage at 1431 Norwood Avenue, my mother-in-law's home. Big Charlie said he would be gone about two months.

"I did not hear or see anything of Big Charlie or his wife Belle, until about November, 1934, when Big Charlie came to my house at 2525 Georgetown, Toledo, O., and in about two weeks his wife Belle joined him. They lived with us until about the latter part of January, 1935, as best I can recall. They left Toledo, O. in the Buick car, stating that they were going to California. I have not seen or heard from them since.

"During this latter visit to my home, Big Charlie asked me to take him out to the Casino, and I drove him out, and I walked in with him and stayed a few minutes, and he told me that he was not going back with me, and so I drove on away. I did not see Bert or Ted Angus on this occasion.

"I do not recall anybody visiting Big Charlie or his wife while they were living with us. I was away from home during most of the daytime, and never did learn just how Big Charlie and Belle spent their time, or who they visited.

"The last time I saw Willie was on the street in front of the Jovial Club, this being during the period of time Big Charlie lived with me from November 1934 to January 1935. I have never seen him since.

"I recall that in the fall of 1933, Willie Harrison came to my home at 4209 N. Lockwood, and said that he wanted to buy a Ford automobile, that he was in a hurry. I went with him to the Arnold Ford Agency, and talked with Mr. Arnold about buying a new car, and Mr. Arnold agreed to give me the salesman's commission, and Willie bought a Ford car for cash. Willie told me that he wanted to use the car for transporting beer. I do not recall the name used by Willie in buying this car.

"I also recall that before Big Charlie and Belle left Toledo, O., for California, I went with Big Charlie to the license bureau to get a 1935 license plate.

"I recall that I was questioned by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in February 1935, at which time the Agents, one of whom I recall was Mr. Hall, told me that Willie was wanted for kidnaping, and that Big Charlie was wanted for kidnaping and bank robbery.

"A short time after I was questioned, I talked with Bert and Ted Angus at the Casino Club, and told them that I had been questioned, and told them that I had been told that Willie and Big Charlie were wanted for kidnaping. They asked me if their names had been mentioned and I told them, 'Yes.'

"I have seen Willie Harrison at the Casino Club on various occasions in the early 1930s while Bert and Ted Angus were running the Casino.

"When I told Bert and Ted Angus about having been questioned they made no comment except to ask whether their names had been mentioned. I did not tell anybody else that the Federal Agents had talked to me about Charles Fitzgerald except Art Byrstrom, and I didn't tell Bystrom about it until about a month ago.

"When Fitzgerald and Belle left my house in February, 1935, they told me they were going to California but they did not state what their address in Cal. would be. About ten days after they left two Federal Agents came to my house at 2525 Georgetown Ave. and took me to Cleveland, Ohio, where they questioned me about Fitzgerald. Since that time I have neither seen nor heard of Charles Fitzgerald (known to me as C. J. Murphy) or Belle or Willie Harrison. I have not tried to contact Fitzgerald and I am positive that I have not told anybody about the interview the Federal Agents had with me on February 20, 1935, except Ted and Bert Angus and Art Bystrom.

"Belle, the woman living with Fitzgerald as his wife, never did go to the Casino with me nor did I ever see her there. If she ever went to the Casino while they were living with me I never knew anything about it. While Fitzgerald and Belle were living with me Belle went away two or three times and stayed from one to three weeks, but she did not say where she was going and I never asked her, therefore, I do not know where she went. If Belle

had any friends come to visit her while they were living with me they came when I was not at home. However I do not think she had any friends in Toledo.

"I have read the above statement consisting of three pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have affixed my signature to all three pages.

WITNESS:

E. J. Wynn, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ E. S. YONKER

Yonker stated that about a week ago he met Ted Angus at the Jovial Club, and that Ted told him that Ruth, the woman with whom Ted has been living for the past several years, evidently Ruth Wells, left him very suddenly, and that Ted professed not to know her present whereabouts.

Reference is made to the statement made by Detective James Ford that a bartender named Smitty, who is presently employed at the Glass Bar, Detroit and Phillips Streets, formerly worked at the Casino Club as a waiter and that Smitty would undoubtedly provide information concerning the reported gun fraces between members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934.

Special Agents E. J. Wynn and H. B. Dill interviewed [redacted] who advised that the Smitty referred to was probably Charles H. (Dewey) Schmidt, who is presently employed as a bartender at the Glass Bar and who resides at 2142 Brookford Road. b7d

Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan made inquiry at 2142 Brookford Road without disclosing their identities or the purpose of their inquiry and were advised by an uncle that Dewey could probably be located at his parents' home at 2102 Brookford Road; that if he were not at home he would probably be found at the room house at 707 Jefferson Street, operated by Jerry Werner, a girl friend of Dewey.

Schmidt was located at 2102 Brookford Road and accompanied Agents to the temporary office being maintained at Toledo where he was interviewed. He stated that his full name is Charles Herbert Schmidt, although he was often called Dewey, or Smitty, but that he had never been employed at either the old Casino or the New Casino Clubs; that Jack Schmidt, whose nickname is Cum Cum is also employed as a bartender at the Glass Bar and was formerly employed by Ted Angus at the old Casino Club. It is probable that Cum Cum is the Smitty referred to by Detective Ford.

Charles H. Schmidt upon questioning stated that he had worked as a bartender in Toledo for many years and stated that he was acquainted with Ted and Bert Angus, George Timiney and other persons prominent in this investigation. He was thoroughly questioned and signed the following typewritten statement:

"Toledo, Ohio
"June 30, 1936

"I, CHARLES HERBERT SCHMIDT, age 38, do give the following statement to Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, no threats or promises having been made to me.

"I was born at Toledo, Ohio on January 5, 1898 and my parents are Fred and Minnie Schmidt, 2102 Brookford Drive, Toledo, Ohio and I presently make my home with my parents at the above address. I am not married. I attended the Segar, Broadway and Newberry schools in Toledo and I have

been out of school since 1914. After leaving school I was employed as a salesman for the Toledo Rubber Company and also worked as a salesman for the Milner's Department Store.

"In December 1933 I got a job as a bartender at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio and remained employed there until about three months ago. At the time I worked at the Algeo, 'Del' Delihanty was the other bartender working at the hotel.

About ten weeks ago I secured a job at the Glass Bar located near the corner of Phillips and Detroit Avenues, Toledo, Ohio. Al and Walter Snyder operate the Glass Bar.

"I have known Guy Tibbles for 10 or 15 years and it was through Guy Tibbles that I obtained a job as bartender at Middle Island in the summer of 1931. Guy Tibbles had no interest in Middle Island, but his brother-in-law managed the place. Larry Taylor was Tibbles' brother-in-law. Besides Larry Taylor other persons who were interested in Middle Island were Joe Roscoe, a man by the name of Stacey, who now lives at Tiffin, Ohio, to the best of my knowledge, and Walter Lambers. Lambers is now dead. Taylor now operates a tavern at Summit and Ash Streets, Toledo, Ohio.

"Middle Island is open for business from Decoration Day to Labor Day each year and I was employed as a bartender at that place during the summers of 1931, 1932 and 1933. The place was managed by Bert Angus during the season of 1932 and I managed the place during the season of 1933. Walter Belpash managed the place during the seasons of 1934 and 1935.

"During the time I was working at Middle Island, Ted Angus would visit the Island on week ends. At various times during the seasons of 1931, 1932 and 1933 Ted Angus would come to the Island with his girl friend, Ruth, and Nig Cousins and his girl, Grace. Grace is now employed as a waitress at the Turf Inn, corner of Monroe and St. Clair Streets, Toledo, Ohio. Joe Roscoe during the time I was at Middle Island operated a boat and would come to the Island sometimes with Ted or Bert Angus and at other times would bring George Timiney over. Occasionally Ted or Bert Angus would come over with Timiney. I cannot remember Timiney visiting Middle Island more than three or four times each season. When Roscoe's boat was not available one of the boats operated by Worthy Brown or a fellow named Mack at Lakeside, Ohio would be used for transportation.

"I can likewise recall that Art Langendorf, who I believe was then in charge of the pickpocket detail would visit the Island and occasionally stay overnight at the hotel. Art would at times be accompanied by his partner, Carl Hartung. I recall that Zarley who I believe is an officer in the Fraternal Order of Elks visited the Island with Langendorf.

"On a few occasions George Timiney was accompanied by Edith (Tod) Marks, widow of Chet Marks, but I cannot recall Timiney ever staying overnight at the Island. Timiney appeared to be friendly with both Ted and Bert Angus.

"I have likewise seen Ben and Joe Fretti at the Island on one occasion. By reputation I understand that Ben and Joe Fretti control most of the slot machines in Toledo. Jimmie Hayes and his wife likewise visited at the island and have stayed as long as a week at a time. I had heard that Hayes at that time operated a gambling house on St. Clair St. across from the Algeo Hotel. Bert and Ted seemed to be acquainted with Hayes.

"I am certain that it was on July 4, 1932 that there were several youngsters at the island. They had firecrackers and a fellow I only knew by the name of Willie was at the island and was apparently intoxicated. He with the youngsters was shooting the firecrackers all around the place, a couple of them going off in the bar. I believe that Willie came to the island in a private boat, probably rented from Worthy Brown or Mack at Lakeside, Ohio. I cannot recall who was with Willie nor can I recall whether he stayed overnight. He with several other visitors were singing and hollering and having a good time from all the noise they were making. Willie talked with Bert and the conversation appeared to indicate that they were acquainted. I cannot recall whether Ted Angus or George Timiney were at the island on this day. I have been shown a photograph of William J. Harrison, Hammond PD #1829 and identify it as being a likeness of the Willie who was at Middle Island on July 4, 1932.

"After I obtained the position as bartender at the Algeo Hotel in November or December 1933 I saw Willie on two occasions when he visited the bar. Both times he was alone, but he recalled me by name from seeing him on July 4, 1932. He never mentioned where he came from or what his business was in Toledo. I feel certain that on both occasions when I saw him at the Algeo it was during the year of 1934.

"After the summer season of 1932 when Bert managed Middle Island he and Ted continued to operate the Casino Club, which was then located on Summit Street near Point Place, Ohio. After working hours in the early hours of the morning I would occasionally visit the Casino Club but I do not recall seeing Willie there, nor can I recall seeing or being introduced to anyone as being a friend of Willie's.

"I have been shown a group of photographs but I cannot recall ever having seen any of these persons except that of Willie.

"I here state that I have been arrested on only two occasions, once about 14 years ago and the second time about 10 years ago. Both times I was charged with a violation of the Federal Prohibition Laws. On the first arrest I was fined \$90; the second charge was dismissed.

"I have read the above typewritten statement contained on two pages and here sign, same to vouch for its truth.

WITNESSES:

/s/ CHARLES HERBERT SCHMIDT

R. C. Suran
D. P. Sullivan, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Cleveland, Ohio.

On July 1, 1936 Jack Schmidt, 351 Phillips Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was brought to the temporary office in Toledo, Ohio, for interview by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran. Jack Schmidt advised that his nickname was Cum Cum and that he was also called Bruce. Schmidt executed the following written statement:

"Toledo, Ohio
"July 1, 1936

"I, JACK SCHMIDT, age 45 years, do voluntarily make the following statement to Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats or promises having been made to me.

"I presently make my home at 351 Phillips Ave., Toledo, Ohio, and am employed as a bartender at the Glass Bar located at the same address. I have been so employed for the past six weeks.

"I have worked as a waiter for Bert and Ted Angus at various times since the year 1925 or 1926, or somewhere around that time. At the time I first went to work for Bert and Ted Angus they operated a place known as the Roadway Inn located on Summit Street near Point Place, Ohio. This place operated as the Roadway Inn until about May 1934 when the Angus brothers took over the building next to the Roadway Inn and opened the Casino Club. I worked at both of these places off and on and would estimate that I was engaged as a waiter there about half of the time. I also worked as a waiter at Middle Island for Bert Angus during the month of July 1932. Ted and Bert Angus closed the Casino Club about May 1935 and opened the New Casino on Dura Drive just outside of the city limits of Toledo, Ohio. I worked as waiter for Bert and Ted Angus at the New Casino off and on from the time they opened the place until January 18, 1936.

"Just prior to the opening of the Casino Club near Point Place I was working more or less irregular and when the Casino Club was opened in May 1934 I worked as a waiter until approximately the middle of June 1934. It was during May and June 1934 that Capt. George Timiney use to come out to the Casino Club on parties and on occasions he would be accompanied by Edith Marks. I have seen Ted Angus at the table at which Timiney was sitting drinking with him. On occasions Ted's girl friend or wife, Ruth, would be at the Casino and would also sit at the table with Timiney and Edith Marks. On occasions Timiney would come to the Casino Club by himself and drink. He appeared to be very friendly with Bert and Ted Angus. On occasions I saw Joe Roscoe at the Casino Club and when I saw him he would come out there, so far as I know, by himself. Madeline Angus and her sister Rene Holst use to spend a great deal of time at the Casino and Thelma Holst was out there occasionally. The Holst woman were the sisters of Madeline Angus. Madeline Angus is the wife of Bert Angus.

"A girl known to me as Mildred Clark came out to the Casino Club frequently with different men but I can not now recall the identity of these men. I have been shown a photograph of William J. Harrison, Hammond, Ind. #1829, dated 11-16-33 and identify it as a man known to me as Willie Harrison and I have also heard this man called Little Willie. During May and June 1934 Willie was out to the Casino Club frequently and I particularly remember him because he was always full of pep and had the appearance of always being drunk. I remember one occasion he was knocking golf balls around in the Casino. I also remember that on occasions Willie would be with a party of people at a table at the Casino. Sometimes this party would consist of five or six people and at other times there would be more than that number, but I at this time cannot make this statement in regard to the number of people more definite.

"I also have been shown a photograph of Jimmie Wilson and I identify it as a Jimmie. Jimmie was at the Casino frequently and would usually come out there with a girl and so far as I can remember he never was with the same girl twice.

"I have also been shown a photograph of Harry Campbell and identify it as a man who I believe was called "Buck." This photograph has the name Harry Campbell written on the back of it in longhand. I saw Harry Campbell at the Casino Club frequently during May and June 1934. When I worked as a waiter at the Casino I would go on duty at about 6 or 7 PM each day and work anywhere from 3 AM to 5 AM staying at the club until the place closed for the day. And it was during these hours that I would see the various people named in this statement at the Casino Club.

"Willie Harrison, Jimmie Wilson and Harry Campbell all seemed to be very friendly with Ted and Bert Angus and I have seen them drinking with them.

"I have been shown a photograph of Arthur "Doc" Barker and stated that in the past I have read many detective magazines and have seen the picture of this person in one of these magazines and I recall that the picture I saw of him was one where Doc was looking through the bars of a jail. At the time I saw this picture it appeared to be familiar to me and I suppose I must have seen him at the Casino Club but I can not definitely state that is where I saw Doc Barker.

"I have not seen any of the above named people, that is, Willie Harrison, Jimmie Wilson or Harry Campbell, since June 1934. When these men were frequenting the Casino club they were free spenders most of the time.

"I have read this statement consisting of two type-written pages and state that it is the truth to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

/s/ JACK SCHMIDT

WITNESSES:

R. C. Suran,
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Cleveland, Ohio."

Schmidt further advised that Art Pfund, who resides at the Astor Hotel, 710 Superior St., Toledo, Ohio, was employed as a part time waiter at the Casino Club during May and June, 1934 and when he, Schmidt, quit working at the Casino about the middle of June, 1934 Pfund continued to work there steadily, taking Schmidt's job. Schmidt that Jack Murtha was the bartender at the Casino Club during the time he, Schmidt, was working there during May and June 1934; that Charles Becker and an individual known as the Dutchman did the porter work around the place. He stated that Murtha was formerly the secretary of the Bartenders' Union and is believed to be presently working at the Boody Bar, Sylvania and Phillips Streets; that Murtha, while acting as secretary of the said union, embezzled some of the funds, but was not prosecuted as some one made good the loss to the union.

Concerning the various entertainers who worked at the Casino Club, Schmidt advised that Johnnie Coleman was the piano player for a while but he does not know where Coleman is at the present time; that Ted Clark was an acrobatic singer and is now believed to be in California. He further stated that the two colored entertainers known as Big Nell and Crippled Nell are now working as entertainers at the Little Club, which was formerly the Casino Club.

The following description was obtained of Jack Schmidt by observation and interview:

Age	-	45 years
Height	-	5'7"
Weight	-	155 pounds
Build	-	Medium
Eyes	-	Brown
Hair	-	Black - turning gray
Marital status	-	Divorced - former wife - Cora Simpson, whereabouts unknown.
Relatives	-	Brother - Wm. V. Schmidt #11 22nd St., Indianapolis, Ind. Sister - Mrs. Mabel Daily, Indianapolis, Ind. Parents - Deceased
Occupation	-	Waiter and bartender
Criminal record	-	4 months, Workhouse at Dayton, O. charge violation NPA. This was about 1927 and was the outcome of same case on which Ted Angus was sentenced to serve 20 mths. in USP Atlanta, Ga.
Nativity	-	West Newton, Indiana

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy on June 29, 1936 at Toledo:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 23, 1936, in which is set out a report of Colonel C. E. Whitney, Investigator in Charge, Alcohol Tax Unit, stating that one of the open gambling places in Toledo is the R. & K. operated by Jake Romanoff at 428 1/2 Superior Street.

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[REDACTED] advised Agents on June 29, 1936 that the R. & K. Smoke Shop, 428 1/2 Superior Street, is operated by Jake Romanoff and Nig Cousins. On this date Agents successfully gained entrance to the R. & K. Smoke Shop, which is located at 428 1/2 Superior Street, over the DeVeaux Restaurant. On entering this place it was noted that same occupies the entire second floor, the front of this floor being partitioned off and is occupied by a lunch room and smoke shop. The rear part of this floor is fitted out as a horse race bookie shop, there being a betting counter behind which three men are employed taking and cashing bets; one man is employed making a large board, displaying the names of horses entered at various important race tracks in the United States, on which board is shown the opening and closing odds on each horse. Another man is employed in a small room in rear of this gambling place, announcing over a loud speaker race track information and the running of each race, as received by teletype machine. Also in this gambling place is a Black Jack 21 game table and dealer. In the room on the walls are numerous racing publications, forms and tipsters' sheets. There are a large number of chairs in this room for the use of patrons. At the time Agents were at the R. & K. Smoke Shop there was much activity due to races being run at various tracks, and it was noted that Nig Cousins was busily engaged at this time. In accordance with instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Nig Cousins will be interviewed later.

Referring to Betty, whom Jackie Thomas mentioned had told her within the past three weeks that the houses of prostitution in Toledo were paying between \$200 and \$225 per month for protection, further information was obtained by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and D. P. Sullivan from Jackie Thomas and her husband, George, that Betty's true name is Grace Sever and she resided at 327 11th Street.

On the afternoon of June 24, 1936, Grace Sever was located at the above address where she is operating a rooming house, and was brought to the Bureau office being maintained at room 513 Edison Building, where she was interviewed by Agent D. P. Sullivan. The Sever woman stated that she married John Sever about a year ago; that prior to that time she was engaged in prostitution first on the streets in Toledo and thereafter for three years at her apartment at 409 11th Street. According to the Sever woman she began to operate a rooming house last October. Since that time she occasionally sells her services to a few old time friends at her rooming house. Grace Sever stated that she never paid any protection money to any police officer and was never asked to do so by anyone. In denying the information obtained from Jackie Thomas, Grace Sever stated she had no information that any houses of prostitution paid for protection and had never heard that each house was compelled to pay from \$200 to \$250 per month for same. This woman said that the only information that had any bearing on pay offs, that she knew of, came to her attention about a year ago. She stated that one night in the Speed Restaurant a street walker named Betty, a narcotic addict, in conversation with several other prostitutes, stated that the houses in Toledo would have to pay plenty in the future to stay open; that a madam or prostitute named Stella was expected to be the pay off. Grace Sever stated that she put little faith in the above statement because she figured that the narcotic addict, Betty, probably did not know what she was talking about. The Sever woman was shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang which she stated she did not recognize.

Opal Jackson, alias Jackie Thomas, was interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan on June 24, 1936, and again by Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan on June 26th, and she provided the following information:

She stated that on the evening of June 23, 1936, after being interviewed by Bureau Agents, she proceeded to Kitty Diamond's house at 616 Lafayette Street. Kitty was not in the house. Georgie, the negro maid told Jackie that shortly after Agents took Jackie from the house to be interviewed, Kitty made several telephone calls to ascertain whether Jackie had been confined in jail. Georgie did not tell Jackie to whom Kitty made these calls, but Jackie gathered that these were made to the Toledo Police Department. Georgie did tell Jackie

that Kitty got in touch with Abe Shapiro (The Muzzler), who is employed by the bondsman, Wittenberg. The bondsman Wittenberg is a member of the bonding firm of Wittenberg, Jacobs and Berenson Bonding Company. Jackie stated that there are three or four Wittenberg brothers connected with this firm, but that Kitty usually does business with the Wittenberg whom Jackie describes as being short and pop-eyed.

Georgie told Jackie further that Kitty had a sister in Chicago who was quite ill and after packing she left the house and left word with Georgie that she would meet Jackie on the porch of Georgie's house at 338 Nebraska Avenue, after Jackie had been released from questioning. Georgie likewise told Jackie that Kitty had talked with Carl Christensen, an attorney, after Jackie had been taken from the house. Kitty before leaving sent the other girls home.

Jackie stated that she did not work at Kitty's place on the night of June 23, 1936, but returned on the evening of June 24, 1936. On that night and the following night the house was open for business, but she was the only girl working.

Jackie likewise stated that Georgie, the maid, told her that in 1934 and prior years, when Ted Angus was collecting protection, he would telephone Kitty, who then had a house on Nebraska Avenue, and give her "the devil" when Kitty had failed to make the usual monthly payment for protection.

Georgie also informed Jackie that early in 1935, shortly after Kitty had opened her house at 616 Lafayette Street, the police raided her house and arrested Kitty; that Maxine Belmont, who operated the Shelby Hotel with Jennie Miller, as manager, was responsible for Kitty being sent to the Workhouse at that time, because the Belmont woman was in charge of the pay off at that time and Kitty apparently had failed to make the payment required of her.

Referring to Abe Shapiro (The Muzzler), whose name has been mentioned above as being employed by the bondsman Wittenberg, Jackie stated that Shapiro formerly had a girl named Helen O'Neill, who worked as a prostitute at Pauline Neinstein's house; that this girl is no longer practicing prostitution and Shapiro is afraid that the O'Neill woman will inform on him; that he is likewise afraid that Pauline Neinstein will also "squawk."

The following information was obtained from George and Jackie Thomas; that Harry Mitchell operates the Rex Hotel, a house of prostitution at Battle Creek, Michigan, in competition with Walt Steinhagen; that this spring while Jackie and her sister Jerry were at Saulte Ste. Marie, Mitchell came to Toledo to locate Jackie and Jerry or some other girls to work at his place. Jackie stated that

Mitchell generally has three girls working at his place; that the girls work as waitresses in his bar and if any customers desire the services of a girl they are accommodated in one of the upstairs rooms. Mitchell charges the customer \$1.00 for the use of the room. The girl gets \$2.00. Jackie stated that Camp Custer is located about 20 miles from Battle Creek, Michigan, and a large number of soldiers will be concentrated at this camp for manouvers throughout the summer; that probably 50,000 soliders are expected to be stationed at the camp at various times this summer. Jackie stated that for this reason Mitchell had decided to increase the number of girls to five and had come to Toledo to obtain some.

George Thomas here stated that Mitchell visited a large number of houses of prostitution and other places where he was likely to locate prostitutes; that he rode in a yellow or Knight cab, which was driven by taxicab driver named Hannah. Neither George or Jackie Thomas knew of any girls that Mitchell hired in Toledo.

Jackie Thomas described Mitchell as follows:

Name	-	Harry Mitchell
Age	-	35 years
Height	-	5'9"
Weight	-	195 pounds
Hair	-	Brown (Medium)
Complexion	-	Ruddy
Build	-	Stout (pot-bellied)

Jackie Thomas further informed that Jaqueline Davis, alias Jackie, alias Bobbie is the girl friend, or wife of Bob Hughes, who as has been previously mentioned, is a waiter at the Cowshed, a tavern at Detroit, Michigan. Jaqueline Davis was employed by Kitty Diamond's house and a signed statement was obtained from her, when Agents recently conducted an investigation there a week ago.

Jackie Thomas further stated that Jaqueline Davis left Toledo for Detroit, Michigan with Faye Moss shortly after they were interviewed by Agents; the Thomas woman stated that Jaqueline Davis is actually not more than 19 years of age but has been a prostitute since she was about 10 years of age (probably meaning for several years); that she has worked in Detroit and all over the states of Michigan and Indiana, in Chicago and many other localities; that Jaqueline Davis could probably provide valuable information concerning the transportation of women for immoral purposes and if a little pressure was put on her, Jaqueline Davis would tell everything she knew; Jackie stated further that the Davis woman and Bob Hughes do not get along together, live together for a while

and then separate; that Bob Hughes frequently has different girls; that his former wife, Margaret Hughes, at one time ran a house of prostitution at the corner of Walnut and Locust Streets in Toledo, but Jackie recently heard that this woman is working the streets at Jackson, Michigan.

Information has been obtained from Detective James Ford of the Toledo Police Department that Officer Fred Haala has been residing in a cottage at Lakeside, Michigan with Jennie Miller, his girl friend, and Maxine Belmont, both of which woman are interested in operating a house of prostitution at the Shelby Hotel in Toledo.

Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan conducted the following investigation at Lakeside, Michigan on June 26, 1936, in an effort to verify the above report:

Postmaster P. J. Aubry, who was interviewed on a previous occasion by Agents, and who disclaimed any knowledge of any prostitutes living at Lakeside, was again interviewed in the presence of his wife. They checked the mail at the post office, but could find no mail for any of the above mentioned persons, nor could Mr. or Mrs. Aubry recall any mail being received at the post office for these persons. Mrs. Etta Blair and her brother, Roland, who operate a beer parlor at Lakeside were called in and finally they recalled that a woman who answers the description of Jennie Miller has been residing at the Baby Grand Cottage at Lakeside and has lived at Lakeside at times in the past; that this woman appears to be "fast" and makes almost daily trips to Toledo. Further information was obtained that the Baby Grand Cottage is owned by Mrs. Mary Smeltzinger, who lives on Oak Street in the J. S. Cottage; that Mrs. Smeltzinger is absolutely reliable.

Postmaster Aubry further stated that Edith (Tot) Marks, the widow of the deceased former Toledo gangster, still owns interest in the Luna Park Pavilion, which is located at Lakeside, and is at the pavilion each Saturday night when dances are held. Mr. Aubry said that up until about three weeks ago Martin Keating was employed as a caretaker at the Luna Park Pavilion and was living in the quarters over it, but Mrs. Marks terminated his services and made him move; that Keating was presently with a relative, Mrs. Skeal on Erie Road about two miles west of Telegraph Road, Temperance, Michigan. Aubry stated that George Timiney frequently visited the dance pavilion in the past years with Mrs. Marks, but has not been seen this summer. Mrs. Aubry promised to ascertain the name of the woman who occupies the Baby Grand Cottage the next time she visits the post office.

Martin Keating was interviewed at the Skeal home located on the south side of Erie Road, two miles west of Telegraph Road, the New Dixie Highway. Mr. Keating stated that for several summers he has been employed at the Luna Park Pavilion and has resided in the quarters located above it; that prior to that time he has been

employed as an undertaker at Chicago, Detroit, and Toledo; that he had been quite successful and had decided to retire from business, but has suffered financial reverses in the past few years and now is in straightened financial circumstances. Keating stated that formerly Louis Greiner, who operates the Trianon Dance Pavilion at Toledo, and several other places at summer resorts, and Chet Marks, owned the Luna Park Pavilion; that Greiner mortgaged or sold his interest to Wesley Thurston, or his brother, who is a Toledo attorney; that Mrs. Edith Marks now possesses the interest that Chet Marks formerly had had and with Thurston owns the major portion of the stock in this pavilion. Keating stated that the pavilion has been losing money for several years, that last year there was an unpaid gas and light bill of over \$200 and he overheard Mrs. Marks say that George Timiney had advanced her the money to pay this bill, so that the pavilion could be opened for the season.

Keating stated that Timiney frequently visited the pavilion past years after he had gotten off duty and was generally in the company of Mrs. Marks; that several of Timiney's squad frequented the pavilion and Chris Brennan, McCarthy, Taffsky and others on the squad, when off duty would be hired as special police at the dance pavilion. Keating stated that he did not see Timiney at the pavilion this summer, before his services were terminated. Keating here stated that during the summer of 1934 Timiney frequently visited Luna Park and on several occasions was in the company of a stout man whom Keating believes was one of the Angus brothers. Keating could not recall why he thinks Timiney's companion was an Angus, but stated that he was certain that it was not Bert Angus, because he had met Bert on several occasions around Toledo.

Keating was shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang which he was unable to recognize as anybody he had ever seen.

Keating mentioned he had seen Donna Doyle with Edith Marks at the pavilion. Donna is the daughter of Fred Doyle, who lives on Broadway near Edith Marks. Fred Doyle is quite friendly with Edith, and Donna formerly worked for Edith as a waitress.

On June 22, 1936, Mrs. Smeltzinger was interviewed at Lakeside, Michigan, by Agents Sullivan and Suran, concerning the woman who resided in the Baby Grand Cottage owned by Mrs. Smeltzinger. Mrs. Smeltzinger advised that Max Hartman and his wife, Helen, resides in the cottage in question and have occupied the cottage for at least four summers; that Mrs. Hartman remains at the cottage throughout the daytime and that Mr. Hartman is employed on some PWA project; that the Hartmans are not financially well off and only pay \$70 a season for the cottage; that the Hartmans when in Toledo, Ohio, live in

the 200 block on Bancroft Street in an old delapidated house. She stated so far as she knows the Hartmans are "good people."

Mrs. Aubry was reinterviewed on June 27, 1936, and advised that Mrs. Marks was living at the Luna Pier and there was some red headed woman about 36 years of age living there with her whose name had not been ascertained by her.

Opal Jackson, alias Jackie Thomas, having advised that she believed that Alice George, colored, who formerly worked as a maid for Kitty Diamond would have more information concerning the business of Kitty Diamond than anyone outside of perhaps her present maid, Georgie, inquiry was made at the WPA offices located in the Bentley Construction Building, 13th and Belmont Streets, Toledo, Ohio, and it was learned that Alice George is employed as a charwoman at the Raymer School, White and Raymer Streets, East Toledo, Ohio, and works under the supervision of Olive Breiman, Board of Education Building, Glenwood and Southard Avenue, Toledo, Ohio; that the home address of Alice George is 914 Pinewood Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Alice George was interviewed at her home by Special Agents Sullivan and Suran on June 27, 1936. She stated that from 1926 to 1930 she was employed as a maid at the house of prostitution operated by Ethel Ross at 311 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and this house was considered as a high class house, charging from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for a date with a girl. At that time an Irish woman by the name of Sadie was the housekeeper; that Sadie is thought to now be living in Buffalo, New York. Alice George stated that she, on occasions, would be given \$100 by Ethel Ross to be turned over to Sadie, who would take the money some place, supposedly in the downtown district of Toledo, and turn the money over to the pay off man for protection purposes, whom she understood was Harry Bernstein. She stated that she understood the monthly pay off was \$100 per month, but that she had no further information that Bernstein was the pay off man, but recalled that Bernstein visited the house operated by Ethel Ross driving a Packard roadster. She stated that she did not know the definite purpose of these visits, but suspected that they were in connection with the pay off or fix.

Alice George further advised that from 1930 to 1932 she was not employed as a maid in a house of prostitution, but did day work for private families; that in 1932 she obtained a job as maid with Kitty Diamond who was then operating a house of prostitution at 311 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where she remained as a maid until October 1934; that at about that time Kitty laid her off and she did not again return to Kitty's house until December 1935, when she worked for two or three weeks and quit because Kitty would only pay her \$1.00 per day and she could obtain more than that by being on relief and ultimately securing a position with the WPA. She

stated that the last time she worked for Kitty she was operating the house at 616 Lafayette Street, Toledo, Ohio. Alice George mentioned that Kitty Diamond was very "cagey" and did not confide much of her business in Alice, and she did not know who the pay off man was while she worked for Kitty, but she does recall while Kitty was on Nebraska Avenue she would occasionally take a Red Cab for some unknown destination, however, Alice was of the opinion that Kitty was taking the pay off money to some person. She stated that she had heard the name of Ted mentioned while employed by Kitty, but cannot recall that his name was mentioned in connection with the pay off. She stated that she does not know Ted Angus, nor could she recall ever having seen George Timiney, although she was acquainted with and mentioned the names of nearly all of the police officers who have been assigned to the vice squad for the past two years. She claimed that she had no information that these men had ever obtained any money from Kitty Diamond or Ethel Ross.

Alice stated that the true name of Ethel Ross is Edith Gray, who is now reported to be residing in Buffalo, New York, and is no longer in the business of operating houses of prostitution; that the Gray woman is reported to own several race horses. During the time the Gray woman was operating in Toledo, her pimp was Tom McCarthy, a former saloon keeper, whose home was in Brooklyn, New York.

Alice George provided the names of the following negro women who have worked for Kitty Diamond:

Sallie Cox, 428 Vance Street, presently employed at 616 Lafayette Street, as a night maid and has been with Kitty since 1933.

George Baker, 338 Nebraska Avenue, presently employed as a night maid at 616 Lafayette Street for Kitty Diamond and has been with Kitty for several years.

Sally (Big Sally) Luchy (phonetic), who resides on Belmont Street, about four houses south of Ewing Street, Toledo, Ohio, and is employed as a day maid at 616 Lafayette Street.

Alice George stated that Sally Cox and Georgie Baker are close to Kitty and should have information concerning police tieups and pay offs.

Alice further advised that a colored woman by the name of Hattie (Big Hattie) Harris, who resides in the first house west of Washington Street, on the north side of 11th Street, has been employed as a maid in houses of prostitution in Toledo for many years; that Hattie worked for and practically managed Suzanne Howard's house for

two years up until 1935 and probably has more information concerning paying of protection money than any maid that she, Alice, is acquainted with in Toledo; that Hattie is presently working as a charwoman for the WPA.

Hattie Harris was interviewed at her home on June 27, 1936, by Special Agents Sullivan and Suran and she signed the following written statement:

"Toledo, Ohio
"June 27, 1936

"I, HATTIE HARRIS, make the following written statement to Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, no threats or promises haveing been made to me.

"I am 38 years of age and am married to Lawrence Harris, but I am not living with him.

"In 1925 I came to Toledo, Ohio, from Birmingham, Alabama. In 1926 I got a job as housekeeper for Ethel Ross, who was operating a house of prostitution at 311 Nebraska Ave. In 1927 I went to work as housekeeper for Fay Clarke who ran two houses adjoining each other at 112 and 114 Nebraska Ave. In about 1930 Fay Clark began spending nearly all of her time at Port Clinton, Ohio where she also operated a house of prostitution. I was left in complete charge of her two houses at 112 and 114 Nebraska Ave. while Fay was away. She told me that each month I was to go out to Ted Angus' house on North Lockwood Street and pay him \$100 for protection. Thereafter, each month for about two years from about 1930 to 1932 I went out to the Angus home and paid Ted Angus, personally \$100 on each occasion. A few times when we did not have the entire \$100 I would take out \$50 more or less and then pay the remainder before the month was up. On only a few occasions when Fay was in town she took the money out. As a result of our payments each month, the police did not raid us, except when the girls tapped on the windows to attract customers.

"On two occasions, while at Ted Angus' home, I saw Kitty Diamond drive up to the house in a cab. At that time Fay kept from four to six girls in both 112 and 114 Nebraska Avenue.

"During this period from 1930 to 1933, Chris Brennan, Tafelsky, Brown, McCarthy, Machalah and other members of the vice squad would come into Fay's house and if there was any disturbance or if any of the girls were soliciting from the windows they would arrest them, otherwise they would not bother us.

"In 1933 I went to work for Suzanne Howard at 131 Nebraska and continued with her as housekeeper until some time in 1935, after she had moved to a place located at Cherry and Locust Streets. I do not know to whom Suzanna Howard paid protection money.

"I have read the above statement and here sign to vouch for its truth.

WITNESS:

/s/ HATTIE HARRIS

R. C. Suran,
D. P. Sullivan, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Cleveland, Ohio."

Hattie Harris stated further that the photograph shown her of George Timiney was familiar and she felt certain she had seen this man, but could not state that she had seen him in a house of prostitution, nor could she recall ever having heard his name mentioned in connection with Ted Angus, or with pay offs or fixes.

Hattie stated that Suzanne Howard, who now operates a house of prostitution at 46-48 Wabash Street, Toledo, Ohio, has become a narcotic addict in the past few years and it is probable that she will willingly furnish information concerning protection money paid by her; that she, Hattie, never handled this part of Suzanne's business, and had no information concerning the person or persons paid by Suzanne for protection or the amounts paid.

Hattie advised that she had never heard the name of Maxine Belmont mentioned in connection with pay offs. She stated that Flora Jackson resides on Avondale Street, across from the Catholic Church near 13th and Washington, on the second floor of a house with a red porch; that Flora Jackson is presently working under the WPA doing sewing; that the Jackson woman has worked as a maid for Maxine Belmont both at the Belmont residence and at the Shelby Hotel for several years, and still does the laundry work for Maxine Belmont, and should be in the position to furnish information concerning the Belmont woman.

In connection with the vice squad of the Toledo Police Department, Hattie stated that on the occasions when the "heat" was considered to be on the town some member of the vice squad would call at the house and leave word to close up, but no reason would be given and nothing more would be said.

Hattie stated that when Captain Hennessy was head of the vice squad for a short time Hennessy closed up the houses in Toledo, and when Hennessy visited the house of Suzanne Howard he gave Hattie two minutes to get out of the house and to take the prostitutes with her; that Hennessy did not enter the house, but advised Hattie that he would stand on the corner and if everybody was not out of the house in two minutes the whole "outfit" would be taken to jail.

Hattie stated that occasionally the word to close would be received by telephone from some person who would always refuse to give his name or otherwise disclose his identity; that orders received in this manner would always be complied with promptly; that no instructions would be received to open the houses after they were once closed and the madams would just begin business and operated until further orders were received to close.

The Harris woman advised she had no intention of ever again working in a house of prostitution as a maid as she could make more money working for the WPA.

On June 29, 1936 Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan conducted an investigation at 48 Wabash Street, a house of prostitution operated by Suzanne Howard. At the time Agents called at this house there was located in the house besides Suzanne Howard, an individual who gave his name as Charles H. Brown, and a girl by the name of Ruth. Suzanne Howard was interviewed in her room at this house and later brought to the temporary offices in the Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, for further interview.

Agent Sullivan located at letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson, care of "Ma" Sunell, Winegar Street, Clarksburg, W. Va. and bearing the return address of C. H. Brown, 48 Wabash Street, Toledo, Ohio. This letter had not been mailed and bore no postmark or postage. Charles H. Brown later admitted that this letter was one which had been written by him and advised Agent Suran that he did not now care to mail it and voluntarily turned the same over to Agent Suran. The letter is quoted as follows:

"Toledo, Ohio
"June 22, 1936

Dear Friends:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope this finds you the same.

"Howard in case you get to come to Toledo call up my young brother and he will tell you where I am, call him at FO 2031-J. Tell Margaret that I said hello and wish that you folks would come to Toledo this summer and come and see me as I want to see

both of you real bad.

"If you write, write to me at 48 Wabash c/o Sue Howard.

"Why don't you two come here for awhile, I have a place and can use a couple of girls.

"Well I will close for this time hoping you write soon.

Charles Brown
48 Wabash St.
Toledo, O."

Charles Brown was interviewed at the Edison Building and he executed the following signed statement:

"Toledo, Ohio
"June 29, 1936

"I, CHARLES HENRY BROWN, make the following written statement to R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me. I make this statement voluntarily knowing that it may be used against me.

"I was born on February 6, 1898 at North Baltimore, Ohio. I was raised in Toledo, where I attended the Illinois, Nebraska, Sherman and Washington schools. I have two brothers and one sister living. My mother resides at 1720 Joffre St. Her name is Mrs. Anna Brown.

"I was married to Pauline Thomas at Toledo, Ohio about 8 years ago, but only lived with her for six months. We were divorced in Cleveland about 1932 or 1933.

"For two years up until December, 1935 I was employed as a bartender at the LaRose Cafe, 26 Fassett Street. Before that I worked in various odd jobs including some steam fitting work for Jean Ford, who was then operating a house of prostitution at 352 Nebraska Ave. I likewise worked for Ben Fretti off and on for about a year and a half, helping around his house and helping repair some of the slot machines which he then owned and operated.

"Before the past 5 years I had no steady job up until the year of 1928 when I completed serving an 18 month sentence for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act at the Atlanta Penitentiary.

"My former wife was hustling on the street when I first met her. I left her because she would not go straight. When I was serving time at Atlanta Penitentiary she was arrested in Toledo, Ohio, and charged with a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act with John George. Both were convicted. My former wife was

given a two year probationary sentence. To my knowledge, she is no longer practicing prostitution, but I understand she still cheats some on her present husband, who is employed for some automobile concern as a mechanic.

"I first met Suzanne Howard, about three years ago when she was employed as a prostitute at a house on Nebraska Avenue. Around December 1935 I occasionally went down to 48 Wabash Avenue and played cards with Suzanne Howard, and any of the girls working there or visitors at the house.

"Three months ago I moved into 48 Wabash Ave. and have since resided at Suzanne Howard's house. I here state that I do not live with Suzanne Howard as man and wife and stay in one of the back rooms. I have no money invested in Suzanne's house. She has only two girls employed as prostitutes in her house at the present time. One works days, the other works nights. For the past month, Suzanne has not been working as a prostitute because she has gall bladder.

"I have been shown a letter dated June 22, 1936 signed Charles Brown, 48 Wabash St., Toledo, O. addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson, c/o Mrs. "Ma" Bunell, Winegar Street, Clarksburg, W. Va. and identify it as a letter which I wrote and signed. "Ma" Bunell operates a house of prostitution on Winegar Street in Clarksburg. I first met Howard Thompson through my wife who was then operating a house of prostitution.

"In connection with the above letter dated June 22, 1936, I would like to state that in the summer of 1935, Howard Thompson came through Toledo on his way from Clarksburg, W. Va. to Detroit, Michigan where his wife was working as a prostitute; at that time a young man named Tommie, who peddles silk hosiery in office buildings, told me that Thompson had been in town and was inquiring for me and was wondering how things were in Toledo, that he wanted to get located here.

"I have written to Thompson several times since then, but did not receive any answer. I wrote the above mentioned letter and addressed it in care of "Ma" Bunell because I knew he was acquainted with her and she would deliver the letter if Thompson was around Clarksburg.

"Because Suzanne has been sick she has been unable to practice prostitution. She at no time suggested that I get some girls to work at her house. I figured, however, that it would be better to have some other girls working at the house, so Suzanne would not have to work and for this reason I wrote the above letter to Howard and his wife suggesting that they come to Toledo where Mrs. Thompson would go to work in Suzanne's house as a prostitute. The place I mentioned in the letter where I would put two girls was Suzanne's place.

"I would like to state that I have been doing some painting and odd jobs around Suzanne's house since I have been living there.

"I have never transported any women in interstate commerce for any criminal purpose.

"I have read the above statement which is contained on six pages and here sign to vouch for its truth.

WITNESSES

/s/ CHARLES HENRY BROWN

D. P. Sullivan

R. C. Suran

Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Cleveland, Ohio."

Brown advised that the Fretti brothers were undoubtedly the "big shots" of the underworld at the time he Brown worked for them during the years 1930 and 1931 and he is of the opinion that Ben and Joe Fretti are still the "big shots" in the operation of gambling in Toledo, but that he has been out of touch with the activities of the Fretti brothers since 1931 and has no definite information as to the standing of the Fretti brothers at the present time.

Brown further advised that from the various rumors that he hears around the cigar stores and like places he understands that the Fretti brothers have interests in the gambling joint run by Benny Harris at 120 Superior Street and also in The Buckeye, operated by Ben Aranoff.

He stated that the numbers game is the big thing in Toledo at the present time and these games are run at the following places:

120 Superior Street;

The Buckeye, managed by Tony Paul;

The New Deal, 103 1/2 Michigan;

The Ohio, (a pool room on Dorr Street, and believed to be located at 517 Dorr Street. This game is operated by Chuck Lupica, brother of the Licovoli mobster, Buster Lupica.)

The 400 Athletic Club, 400 Indiana Street. (This place has colored patrons.)

Brown further advised that the "fix" at the time he was working for the Fretti brothers was Ted Angus and it is his understanding that Ted Angus remained the "fix" until the new city administration under City Manager John Eddy. He stated that Ike and Sol Wittenberg are the sold bonds men in Toledo, who make criminal bonds and their rates are \$100 per \$100 bond and they will make a bond for anyone on any charge; that their runner is known as the "Muzzler", but he did not know the "Muzzler's" true name.

He stated that Suzanne Howard has never at any time advised him to whom she paid off for protection, but assumed there was a pay off. Further concerning the Howard woman, Brown stated that just before Christmas the Howard woman took the "dope cure" from Dr. Huss, who also examines the girls at the house operated by the Howard woman. He stated that he is positive that Suzanne Howard is not using narcotics at the present time. While Agents were in the room of Suzanne Howard a quantity of marijuana mixed with tobacco was observed. Brown admitted that he smokes this and buys it from a Mexican by the name of Joe who lives in an upstairs flat at 44 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio, and pays \$1.00 for twelve cigarettes of marijuana.

Further concerning Howard Thompson, he stated that the nickname of this man is "Polly" and he is described as follows:

Age	-	34 years
Height	-	5'6"
Weight	-	185-190 pounds
Build	-	Stout
Hair	-	Black
Marital Status	-	Married
		Wife - Margaret Thompson
Occupation	-	Truck driver

Brown described Margaret Thompson as follows:

Age	-	27 years
Height	-	5'9"
Weight	-	140 pounds
Build	-	Slender
Hair	-	Black
Occupation	-	Prostitute

The following description was obtained of Charles Brown by Agents from observation and interview:

Age	-	38 years
Height	-	5'6"
Weight	-	118 pounds
Build	-	Medium
Eyes	-	Blue
Hair	-	Brown
Occupation	-	Sewing machine repairman
Nativity	-	North Baltimore, O.
Relatives	-	Mother - Anna Brown, 1720 Joffre St., Toledo, O. Sister - Mrs. Luella Lands, Maumee, O.

Brothers - Joe E. Brown,
Hollywood, California.
Paul Brown (blind)
1720 Joffre, Toledo, O.

Suzanne Howard was interviewed on June 29, 1936 at the office in Toledo, 514 Edison Building, and made statement as follows as to her activities:

"Toledo, Ohio
"June 29, 1936.

"I, SUZANNE HOWARD, make the following statement of my own free will without promise or threat having been made to me and make same for reason that I wish to tell the truth.

"I was born at Lorain, Ohio, May 7, 1903, married to Ozroe O'Dell in 1919 and he died in about two years thereafter; my parents are dead. I came to Toledo about 1928. Prior to this I had been a prostitute at Lorain since about two months after the time my husband died. I was living with a man at Lorain; after coming to Toledo I lived with one Francis Dudley a truck driver for possibly three years or more.

"I then left this party and entered the house of prostitution run by Stella on Nebraska Ave., Toledo where I worked for about two years as a prostitute.

"I then purchased from Maxine Belmont the furnishings at 131 Nebraska where it started to run a house of prostitution with about one girl. I operated this place from about 1933 to December 1934. Most of the time I did not have more than three girls at any one time. I then moved my house to a place on Ontario at Cherry St. over a night club at this address. I operated here from December, 1934 to February, 1935, when I moved to my present address, 46-48 Wabash St., where I have been from February, 1935 to date operating a house and during the latter period I have not been arrested for reason the house is so situated that I can see the officers coming and they have never been able to catch me 'turning a trick.' I have a maid Jennie working for me now and she has been with me for possibly six weeks, Carrie worked for me before Jennie and prior to that Hattie was with me as maid at Nebraska until I moved to the place on Ontario and Cherry.

"This party Charles Brown who was at my house this morning when the Agents called lives there and has been doing some painting for me around the house for the past six weeks. Our clothes are both located in the same closet in my room but we do not occupy the same bedroom. Charles has his own bedroom.

"I have two girls at the house at the present time. One of these is Sally Snyder who has been with me often from time to time since she was with me in the house operated on Nebraska St. Sally is about 27 years of age. Sally was arrested from my place twice for being such character of house and was fined for the offense. The other girls is Ruth and she is 31 to 32 years of age. She has worked for me at different times first working for me when I was on Nebraska St. I do not know where these girls come from and I have never asked them to come back to me from any point outside the state of Ohio. These girls living at the place pay me ten dollars per week for room and board. This is what would be called probably a dollar house as we charge one dollar up. 48 Wabash is used as the entrance and I do not have the entire house in use at the present time. I do not know who owns the place, but I pay my rent of \$25.00 per month for the place to Julius Davis. I also buy jewelry from this party Davis who also sells such articles. We have six bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, two parlors in use and two rooms are vacant.

"The only times the police come is to raid the place and I was last arrested by the police and served about ten days in jail as result of an arrest by Strooble and Neuman. I have not had a pinch at 48 Wabash to date.

WITNESS

/s/ SUZANNE HOWARD

D. P. Sullivan, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio."

This woman when interviewed denied that she had previously seen the letter written by Charles Brown under date of June 22, 1936, and quoted in the statement of Charles Brown, which will be quoted in the report elsewhere and which was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson, care of Mrs. Ma Bunell, Vinegar St., Clarksburg, W. Va.

This woman insisted that she had no knowledge of a pay off to any one in the city either the police or any one else.

As to these parties Margaret Thompson and Howard Thompson, she says that she has heard Charles refer to Howard by some nick name and to the woman as Margaret, and that he would like to have them come up. She says that they did not discuss at any time the proposition of having these people come to her place.

This woman says that she has an arrest record with the police as long as her arm; that she has served time of as much as thirty days or more, but cannot recall the dates and circumstances at this time. She denies that she is an addict or that she uses narcotics in any form.

Suzanne Howard is described as follows:

Age	-	33 years (Born Lorain, O. on 5/7/03)
Height	-	5'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	-	116 pounds
Hair	-	Blonde (naturally brown)
Eyes	-	Brown
Occupation	-	Madam of house of prostitution
Marital Status	-	Single
Nationality	-	American

Although both Suzanne Howard and Charles Brown denied that they were living together and claimed that Brown was only employed to work around the house doing repair work, a letter was found in the desk located in the room of Suzanne Howard, from Philip Anthony Morgan, register #8505, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, which was obviously sent to Suzanne Howard. A part of the letter quoted below indicates that Brown was more than an employee:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I received your letter and money and was glad to hear from you and Brown. Well Sue was glade to here that you and Brown are to-gether.
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After the statements of Charles Brown and Suzanne Howard were obtained they were released on the afternoon of June 29, 1936.

The following is submitted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn:

On June 18, 1936, the following property was returned to Gertrude Billeter Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, and a receipt obtained from her, which receipt is being retained in the Cleveland Bureau office file:

*Inventory 1936
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- 1 Diamond ring set with three diamonds of about 1.30 karats each, set in platinum mounting;
- 1 Omega gold wrist watch, which appears to be white gold with what appears to be a white gold bracelet. Kalonium case #8546200 GBC;
- 1 Diamond stick pin in form of interrogation point, consisting of several small diamond chips and a ruby;
- 1 tie clasp - bearing initial "R" - cheap jewelry
- 1 Cheap brooch with white stones, arrow design.

On June 18, 1936, the original Bride's Book, containing the record of her marriage to Campbell was returned to Mrs. Gertrude Billeter Miller, and a receipt obtained, said receipt being retained in the Cleveland Bureau office file.

Flora Jackson, colored, 553¹/₂ Avondale Street, Toledo, Ohio, who formerly worked as a maid in the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution operated by Maxine Belmont, was interviewed at her home by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and E. C. Suran on June 30, 1936.

Flora Jackson stated that she was born in Jackson, Mississippi, and is 33 years of age; that she came to Toledo, Ohio, eighteen years ago and in 1919 began working as a maid for Jennie Miller at the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution. She stated that she continued to work for Jennie Miller until the Miller woman sold the Shelby Hotel to Maxine Belmont, whose correct name is Thelma Thomas. She stated that she did not know who owned the building in which the Shelby Hotel is located and when Jennie Miller sold out she only sold the furnishings to Maxine.

The Jackson woman advised that at that time the Belmont woman had five and six girls working for her in the day time and five or six girls employed at night as prostitutes; that she continued to work for Maxine Belmont at the Shelby Hotel until 1929 when Maxine resold the place to Jennie Miller and so far as she knows Jennie Miller still operates the place and Maxine has no interest in it, but as to this she could not be certain as Maxine never discussed her business with her.

She stated that Jennie Miller is sometimes known as Jennie Whitie as she was married to a man known as Whitie Miller and commonly called Whitie due to the fact he had blonde hair. Whitie is now dead.

Flora Jackson stated that Maxine was married to Johnnie Thomas about the year 1927 and has lived with him continuously since that date; that after Maxine gave up the Shelby Hotel, she, Flora, continued to work for Maxine doing housework one day a week at a salary of \$3.00 per week and she continued to do this until February 1, 1936, when she obtained a job with the WPA doing sewing. She stated that she still continues to do laundry work for Maxine and Johnnie Thomas and that she does this work about once each month. She stated that the last time she did the laundry work for Maxine was a week prior to the date of this interview and that Maxine and Johnnie were at that time living at 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio, where they have lived for several years. She stated that this address is known as the Grinage Apartments and Maxine occupies apartment #5, which apartment is located on the second floor; that Mrs. Grinage lives on the first floor and she believes that Maxine either uses the telephone of Mrs. Grinage or else she has an extension from this telephone as she, Flora, has telephoned Maxine on several occasions and talked first with Mrs. Grinage, later getting Maxine to the telephone.

Flora Jackson stated that Johnnie Thomas operates some kind of a club or beer parlor over Dyers Restaurant in Toledo, Ohio, and the telephone number at that place is MAin 0596.

The Jackson woman advised that she worked for Suzanne Howard at 48 Wabash Street for about one year prior to January 1936 as a cook, but that she was only at the place long enough to cook the evening meal and had nothing to do with the front part of the house or the visitors that might call; that Suzanne had two girls working for her one whose name was Sally Snyder and the other was named Ruth.

She stated that Suzanne was like Maxine in that she never discussed her business with her help. She stated that she did not know Charles Brown and there was no man living with Suzanne while she, Flora, was working there. She further advised that while the various members of the vice squad visited Suzanne's place, no arrests were made while she, Flora, worked there; that Suzanne was always watching for the police and they never caught a man having a date in the house. She stated that Maxine was not bothered with the police at the Shelby Hotel and the vice squad's visits to that place were very infrequent, but that she never at any time heard anything about a pay off either by Maxine or Suzanne, and so far as she knows Jennie Miller never paid off to the police.

She stated she does not personally know Ted Angus, but knew that he had a club of some kind as she has often heard Suzanne speak of going out to Ted Angus' place to drink; that she would usually go out with Sally Snyder who works in her house; that both Suzanne and Sally are dope addicts.

When questioned concerning other maids who may have worked for Suzanne, Jennie Miller, or Maxine, she stated that the only maids she knew were Hattie Harris, who worked for Suzanne and Viola McClary, who has worked as a day maid for Jennie Miller since 1929. Viola McClary lives at 353 1/2 Avondale Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Referring to the statement made by Bus Miller, Francis Hotel, 317 Twelfth Street, that George Corrigan, former Commander of a Toledo American Legion Post had told him that he had been unable to run the annual Legion turkey raffle in 1935 because he did not know who to contact since Ted Angus was no longer the pay off man, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan.

George Corrigan resides at 4205 Allen Street, Sylvania, Ohio; he was interviewed at his place of business, Corrigan's Market, 2177 West Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Corrigan stated that he is a member of the Waltz-Hodgins Post #348 of the American Legion. From September 1932 to September 1933, Corrigan was Second Vice Commander of the post; from September 1933 to September 1934 he was First Vice Commander; from September 1934 to September 1935 he was Commander. Corrigan stated that every year the Post runs a turkey raffle a few days before Thanksgiving at the Post Hall. A large raffle wheel is rented from the Successful Sales Company of Toledo and cardboard paddles are purchased from the same company for use at the raffle. The paddles are sold to those present and a turkey is given to the person holding the winning paddles at each turn of the wheel. The paddles are sold three for twenty-five cents.

Corrigan stated that in 1932 George Butcher, who operated the Collins Market, Sylvania Avenue, two blocks east of Jackman Road was in charge of the raffle.

In 1933 Jacob Gottshall, 2510 Berdan Avenue, operated the raffle.

In 1934, Corrigan operated the raffle. The profit to the Legion was something less than \$25.00. Gottshall and Butcher are both members of the Legion. Corrigan further informed that on March 9, 1935, the Legion conducted a book lottery, giving as prizes, cash, \$100.00 for first prize; and twenty other smaller prizes. The winning number on each of the books of chances sold got forty-eight chances for the large \$100.00 prize.

In October 1935 the Post ran a raffle for the benefit of the Post Coal Fund. Jerry Manore who operates the Tasty Ice Cream Shop, 2480 Collingwood Avenue, was in charge of this raffle. Corrigan here stated that in all the raffles held prior to the Coal Fund Raffle the Legion members operated them without outside help; that he was always somewhat afraid that the police might close up the raffles because they were considered gambling, but other members told Corrigan

that there was nothing to worry about as the police would not interfere in an American Legion raffle. Corrigan stated that to his knowledge there had never been a pay off or fix in these raffles; that no money had ever been paid to Ted Angus or anyone else to his knowledge, but it was common talk that the Coal Fund Raffle was conducted with the help of Ben and Joe Fretti, and was handled through an apparent employee of the Fretti brothers named Skeeter, who collected on some of the boards. Corrigan stated that Manore could provide the details of the connection with the Fretti brothers.

J. B. Manore, Tasty Ice Cream Shop, 2480 Collingwood Avenue, residence 419 Austin Street, was interviewed at his place of business. Manore stated that he has been a member of the Waltz Hodgins Post of the American Legion for several years and has been active in raising money for the Post. Manore stated that in the summer of 1935 the Post decided to give a raffle for the benefit of the Post Coal Fund. A Chevrolet automobile was selected as the prize to be raffled off, and Manore was selected to manage the raffle. Manore had a pin ball game in his place of business, which game was owned by the Fretti brothers. While discussing the raffle with the man who was collecting from the machine for the Fretti brothers, the collector whose name Manore does not know, suggested that he obtain the services of Ben Fretti in conducting the raffle inasmuch as the Fretti brothers had machines placed all over the city and if they were financially interested they could arrange to place the boards all over the city.

Manore stated that he went to the office maintained by the Fretti brothers near Monroe and Superior Streets, and asked for Ben Fretti. After describing his mission to some person at the office he was introduced to a man named Neal, who was nicknamed Skeeter, and was told that Skeeter could handle the matter. Skeeter and Manore agreed to split the net profit of the raffle fifty-fifty. 500 boards were purchased through the Amusement Sales and Novelty Company, operated by the Fretti brothers, from a Chicago firm. Skeeter was instrumental in placing about 325 boards in various places around town. Members of the American Legion and their friends placed about 125 boards. Manore stated that he was somewhat afraid that the local police might confiscate the boards, but he was told by Skeeter that he had given a list of the places where the boards had been placed to the police so that they would not be disturbed.

The Chevrolet was raffled and the American Legion and the Fretti brothers each received \$360.00 which represented the net profits. At this time Manore stated that the above was the only knowledge he had of any fix; that he never knew of any pay off man in Toledo and was not acquainted with Ted Angus.

Manore stated that Johnnie Shea a member of the Post, which is located at 931 W. Central Avenue, had told him that he knew Skeeter when he was a young boy. Shea told Manore that Neal was not Skeeter's right name; that he, Shea, knew Skeeter's correct name.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, June 28, 1936:

[redacted] was interviewed and stated that Frank "Tubby" Roush, brother of Mrs. E. J. O'Donnell, who was in the slot machine business with her in Toledo, but quit the slot machine business shortly after the Licovoli mob muscled into the racket; that after leaving the slot machine business, Tubby Roush obtained a job with the Ohio State Highway Department as highway motorcycle officer, and later quit that job and operated a gasoline station on Front Street, Toledo, near the Acme Power Company; that Roush died suddenly about a month ago and was buried in the Memorial Cemetery; that Roush was married, but has been separated from his wife for several years. b7d

[redacted] two negro women entertainers known as Big Nell and Crippled Nell; that they were employed by Ted and Bert Angus at the New Casino, but they quit working for the New Casino when Bert and Ted Angus would not pay them a decent salary, and they are now said to be living in Toledo, [redacted] will locate them and furnish their address to Bureau Agents. He stated he does not recall Coolie Monroe, former employee of the Old Casino, when operated by Ted Angus, but at the request of Agents will endeavor to locate Monroe's present address, also will endeavor to secure the present address of Ruth Wells, who has been living with Ted Angus, but who is reported to have had a disagreement with him and left.

[redacted] stated that about four or five years ago Harry S. Commanger was County Prosecutor, and was a very close friend of Joe Roscoe, having often visited at Roscoe's home; that when Commanger was in office as County Prosecutor he allowed gambling places to operate in both Lucas County and the city of Toledo; that Commanger put Joe Roscoe in with Jimmie Hayes, who was operating several gambling places in Toledo; that Commanger informed Hayes that he would have to cut Roscoe in with him in his gambling places or he, Commanger, would close Hayes' places. [redacted] stated he was recently informed that Commanger is now in Washington and has a big, soft job with the Government, and if Roscoe wants any information out of Washington, Commanger will get it for him.

[redacted] stated that Sam Hessler, a close friend of William Mead, has a new 1936 Pontiac sedan, light blue in color, bearing Ohio 1936 license #7997-G.

Also he stated that William Poltus or Poulos, a Greek, who lives in West Toledo and operates slot machines in Put-in-Bay, was run out of the slot machine business in Toledo about three years ago by the "law" and the Licivoli mob, and he can furnish considerable information about the methods of the slot machine business and how they were allowed to be operated in Toledo, and the manner in which the "law" put him out of business. Poltus, or Poulos, will be interviewed later.

With regard to the man named Ryan who was put into Jeakle's Tavern by Baldy the piano player of Joe Roscoe, [REDACTED] b7d [REDACTED] stated that during the last couple of days he had an opportunity to visit Jeakle's Tavern and talked and drank beer with this man Ryan; that Jeakle told him this man [REDACTED] was drinking beer with was the same man Baldy brought over from Roscoe's; that he is a soap salesman and drives a delivery truck; that he is just a foreflusher and a big liar. [REDACTED] after talking to this man Ryan it is his opinion that this man has not served time in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, as Ryan wants him to believe, and Ryan is just trying to get some free drinks out of him and any others he tells he has served time. [REDACTED] this man Ryan does not answer the description of the man called Sam, who was a member of the Karpis gang who robbed the Erie mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio. He gave the following description of Ryan:

Age	-	About 38 to 40 years
Height	-	About 5'11"
Weight	-	About 240 pounds
Build	-	Large
Complexion	-	Light
Hair	-	Sandy (not gray)
Occupation	-	Soap salesman
Uses name of Jimmie Ryan, alias Boston.		

[REDACTED] further stated that the Ohio Hotel at Jefferson and Ontario Streets, Toledo, is operated by old lady Foster, whose husband is said to be in the Nebraska State Penitentiary, and she makes trips to that penitentiary to visit him; that this hotel is an upstairs hotel of the rooming house type, and is frequented by racketeers, pimps and their girls; that the girls do not work at the hotel, but work elsewhere and live at the hotel with their pimps; that he was informed by a taxi driver named Bengel that a pimp named Mishie Broadway lives at the Ohio Hotel and had a girl in a house of prostitution at 51 Wabash Street, but as she was not making any money there Mishie moved her to a house of prostitution at 311 Locust Street. [REDACTED] he went to the place at 311

Locust Street to get this girl's name, but found it was locked and there was no one in the house. He stated he will endeavor to secure the name of this girl as well as names of other pimps and their girls, who live at the Ohio Hotel.

[redacted] that Maude Adams used to operate a big house of prostitution, and was put out of business. She was convicted and is now serving time in the Toledo House of Correction, in connection with contributing to the delinquency of a thirteen year old girl; that the "law" used to shake her down quite often when she was operating a house, and she will likely talk and furnish information regarding the pay off. b7d

[redacted] that the man named Murphy, who is chauffeur for Councilman Addison G. Thatcher, was supposed to get a job with the Buckeye, but did not connect, formerly came from St. Louis, Missouri, and is not related to George Timiney; that if Timiney has a relative in Toledo working in a gambling place by the name of Murphy he has no knowledge of it.

[redacted] that Pauline Neinstein, who operated the Riverside Inn, a house of prostitution located at 921 Summit Street, is now living with her pimp, Louie Brjisky, at the Pauline Apartments, 27 Fifteenth Street, and it is reported she is the owner of these apartments.

[redacted] interviewed by Agents on June 30, 1936, stated he ascertained that Crippled Nell's true name is Nell Larkins, and the true name of Big Nell is Nellie Deconga, a French negro, but she is known as Nellie Carr; that both these negro women were former entertainers at the New Casino, but are now employed at the Goody House, a night club located at 963 Phillips Avenue; that he is of opinion neither of these two women is the one Agents are endeavoring to locate, but that a negro woman known as Big Lillian, the Penny Snatcher, is the one Agents are trying to locate; that she was a former entertainer employed by Ted and Bert Angus at the Old Casino; that she is now working at either the Blue Lantern or Blue Moon at 326 Belmont Avenue.

[redacted] stated that he had been informed by Norm Langle, a Red Cab driver, chauffeur license #265, that he often drives Kitty Sperry, alias Kitty Diamond, to her residence, 2501 Warren Street, where she resides with her pimp, Benny Diamond.

Following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy, June 18, 1936:

Roger Peters, motorcycle officer, Toledo Police Department, was interviewed at his residence, apartment #5, 1801 Monroe Street. He stated he entered service of the police department in 1930, as a uniformed officer, and after about a year he was transferred to the vice, gambling and liquor squad under Captain Hennessy and worked on that squad for about ten months, his partner being Officer Baumgartner. Their time was devoted to assisting the narcotic agents. They did very little vice work. He stated that he was on the vice, gambling, and liquor squad under Captain Timiney about one month in 1932, and was transferred back to uniformed officer, where he remained until about 1935, when he was then placed on his present assignment as motorcycle officer. He stated he did not work under Captain Timiney long enough to get any definite orders concerning vice matters; that he often got "basket complaints", but never received orders to close up the town, or to tell the houses of prostitution or gambling houses when to open. He stated there has been the usual newspaper campaign against vice and gambling from year to year. He stated he cannot furnish any information regarding a pay off to officers or others to allow vice and gambling to run unmolested.

Peters stated that he has assisted Special Agent D. E. Hall in endeavoring to locate members of the Baker-Karpis gang in Toledo during 1934, as mentioned in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, August 22, 1934; that he has visited the Little Casino with Agent Hall in connection with this investigation, but never saw George Timiney there. He stated he has from time to time heard rumors of a pay off, but has no personal knowledge concerning same or who might be connected with the alleged pay off.

Peters stated he knows Joe Roscoe, but is not intimately acquainted with him; that he knows Ben and Joe Fretti, who at one time had control of slot machines in the city of Toledo, but now have pin ball machines in the city, although they do not have exclusive control of same. He stated he is not personally acquainted with Bert and Ted Angus, but knows they operated the Little Casino and now operate the New Casino. Peters appeared to be reticent in furnishing any information regarding any Toledo police officers.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 23, 1936, in which on page 9 reference is made to the effect that Dr. Kreft, county coroner, has knowledge of an incident when a privately-owned slot machine was seized by the police, although every other store in the block had Fretti slot machines in their possession.

Dr. Frank G. Kreft was interviewed at his residence, 3316 LaGrange Street on June 26th. He stated he never owned any slot machines and the only kind of machines he ever owned were a washing machine and an automobile. He stated he heard that a slot machine was purchased by a druggist, who operated a drug store a couple doors from his office at 2915 LaGrange Street, and on several occasions this drug store was broken into and the slot machine was the only thing that was robbed, and the druggist had so much trouble with robberies that the machine was finally taken out. He stated this occurred about three or four years ago when slot machines were being operated in the city of Toledo.

Dr. Kreft stated that he was county coroner from 1927 to 1934, and during this period he aided in every way assisting the police department in ridding the city of Toledo of the Licovoli gang; that Captain George Timiney was in charge of the Hoodlum Squad and is a very competent officer and gave the coroner's office every assistance possible, and regardless of rumors to the contrary he believes that George Timiney is an honest conscientious officer. He stated that Timiney is now assigned to desk work as night captain; that while he was coroner Timiney and Art Langendorf were working together on the Hoodlum Squad, Vice and Gambling, and they had a disagreement of some kind, and they are not now on friendly terms; that the Hoodlum Squad has been disbanded. He stated he is a candidate for the position of coroner on the Republican ticket and is opposed by Dr. Wm. M. Shapiro on the Democratic ticket, who is the present county coroner. Dr. Kreft stated that if he is successful in being elected to position of county coroner, he will make effort to have the old Hoodlum Squad reorganized under George Timiney and have it named the Homicide Squad; that the county coroner's recommendations in this regard are usually considered.

Dr. Kreft stated that the city of Toledo has had the name for a number of years of being a place where criminals could come to "cool off" and they never pulled any jobs in Toledo. He stated that when he was so active against the Licovoli mob during his term of office as county

coroner he was warned by telephone that if he did not cease his activities, his, Kreft's, daughter would be kidnaped; that at this time Yonnie, the wife of Licovoli, was in St. Vincent's Hospital awaiting confinement, and as he was on the major staff of that hospital, he sent word back to the Licovolis that if his daughter was kidnaped, Mrs. Licovoli and the baby would not live. Dr. Kreft bragged considerably about how he, George Timiney and Frazier Reams, county prosecutor, cleaned up the Licovoli gang, sending the principal members of that gang to the State Penitentiary. When Dr. Kreft was asked about Detective Art Langendorf, he smiled and stated he did not have anything good to say about him. Dr. Kreft stated that Carl Christensen, former county prosecutor, was corrupt, and many cases were fixed and never were tried; that Frazier Reams, successor of Christensen, is often "blasting" in the newspapers about cleaning up gambling, but with the exception of arresting some poor woman, who operates a confectionery store, for allowing a slot machine to operate in her place and fining her \$25.00 or \$50.00, no effort is made to clean up gambling, and the big places continue to operate.

Dr. Kreft was asked if he knew that George Timiney had been living at the home of Mrs. Edith Marks, 2650 Broadway, and he stated that he did not; that George Timiney is now living at the Algeo Hotel. He stated he was the county coroner when Chester Marks was murdered, and Marks was a very good friend of his; that little or no effort was made to solve this murder; the police reported that according to their information two hoodlums followed Chester Marks when he left the Luna Pier, which he operated, about midnight, and when he got out of his automobile to open the garage doors, they jumped out and shot Marks in the chest with one bullet, which resulted in almost instant death; that he removed the bullet from Marks' body at the time he performed the autopsy. Dr. Kreft further stated he did not believe the story about the two hoodlums killing Chester Marks, although the police stated some of the neighbors reported seeing a man from from the scene of the crime, and it was the general belief that Marks was killed by some of the Licovoli mob.

Photographs of various members of the Karpis-Barker-Campbell gang were exhibited to Dr. Kreft, who stated he does not recall having seen any of them in or around Toledo. The photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran was exhibited to Dr. Kreft, and he was informed it was Dr. Moran's photograph. Dr. Kreft stated this man's photograph recalls to his memory that last Tuesday, June 23, 1936, while he and his wife were having dinner with George Timiney at the Algeo Hotel, Timiney brought up the subject of Dr. Moran's disappearance and asked Dr. Kreft if he recalled the incident of the unknown man having been found dead with a rope around his neck and his hands tied behind his back on September 3, 1934, on the Talmadge Road near Monroe Street, and Dr. Kreft stated he recalled same, and

then Timiney indicated to him that this unknown man might be Dr. Moran and asked Dr. Kreft what he should do to get this body removed for examination of the dental work to identify the body as that of Dr. Moran. Dr. Kreft stated he informed Timiney that he should see County Prosecutor Reams and get an order from the court to have the body of the unknown man exhumed. Dr. Kreft stated that Timiney appeared much interested in the matter, and he, Dr. Kreft, made a notation at the time of his conversation with Timiney to look up the coroner's case number on this unknown man.

Agents accompanied Dr. Kreft to his office at 2915 LaGrange St., where examination was made of the coroner's case record book, and it was noted that this unknown man is coroner's case No. 22429. The record further reflects the age of unknown man is given as 43 years. Dr. Kreft stated that Dr. William M. Shapiro, the present coroner, office at 1502 Jackson Avenue, has case No. 22429 in his possession.

On June 27, 1936, Dr. William M. Shapiro, county coroner, office 1502 Jackson Avenue, Toledo, was interviewed, and coroner's case No. 22429, made by Dr. Frank G. Kreft September 3, 1934, was examined. This case report reflects that on September 3, 1934, the body of an unknown white man was found at Talmadge Road about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Monroe Street, Lucas County, Ohio; that this body was so badly decomposed it was impossible to hold an autopsy. However, it is believed that death was caused by suffocation at a time when a piece of rope was tied around the deceased neck by the hand or hands of person or persons unknown. The only description of the unknown man given in this case report is about 43 years of age, brown hair, five fee, eight inches in height. A copy of coroner's case report No. 22429 was obtained, and same is being retained in the files of the Cleveland field office.

Robert X Berry, Assistant County Coroner, was interviewed at the office of Dr. Shapiro, 1502 Jackson Avenue, and stated he recalls the finding of the body of an unknown white man on Talmadge Road on September 3, 1934; that he was horse back riding with some friends of the National Guard on this date in that vicinity and saw the body lying in the field after it had been discovered; that at the time he saw the body the authorities were waiting for the police photographer to arrive and take photographs of the body before removing it. He stated the police photographer made several photographs of the body, which had a rope around the neck and the hands were tied. He stated the body was very badly decomposed, and the features were almost gone; that the weather at this time was very hot and the body was lying in some small bushes which afforded little protection from the sun; that the odor from the body was terrific and he was surprised that the horses ridden by the members of the National Guard in that vicinity had not discovered the odor of the body; that a man was picking bittersweet in that vicinity and discovered the odor of the body before finding it; that, in his opinion, from the condition of the body and the weather, the body must have been lying there from five to seven weeks before it was discovered. He stated, he believes, no effort was made to try and identify the body

through fingerprints on account of its decomposed condition.

At the Toledo Blade, considered the outstanding newspaper of Toledo, Ohio, a news item appeared in the paper on September 4, 1934, reflecting the following: "Body is found in field here. Gang murder indicated. Unidentified man bound with twine". The article went on to say "that what has every indication of being a gang murder was disclosed Monday with the finding of an unidentified man in a lonely weed-covered field near the Talmadge Road, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Monroe Street. The body was in a highly, unnatural position lying on its back with legs spread about a bush. It lay about 200 feet from the road. About the man's head and mouth was tied a heavy twine used to hold a gag in place. Slung about the shoulders was a length of heavy sashweight cord, with which it appeared he had been dragged into the hiding place. Marks on the clothing were destroyed. Dr. Kreft said the man was about 45 years of age, had brown hair, very thin on top; was dressed in a black shirt, and heavy black work shoes. He was about 5 feet, 8 inches and probably weighed about 160 lbs. The teeth contained several prominent gold fillings. Coroner Kreft and Sheriff Dave Krieger declared the case to be very suspicious. Several hours after the body was recovered a man appeared at the Safety Building and asked for more information on the finding of the corpse by Ray Netterfield, 1310 Collingswood Avenue, who telephoned to the sheriff. When the man was told that the body was at Pierstorff's Funeral Home, the man left before the detectives could question him".

In the edition of the Toledo Blade under date of September 5, 1934, the following news item appeared. "BODY FOUND IN FIELD IS COLORED MAN'S".

"Dr. Paul Hohly, acting Coroner, said today that the unidentified man, whose body was found in a field along Talmadge Road, near Monroe, Monday was colored. The body was taken to the State Line Cemetery at Dixie Highway and Benore Road Tuesday night and will be buried this afternoon. Ropes on the body indicated murder".

With a view to locating Ray Netterfield, the Toledo City Directory and the telephone directory were checked, but his name did not appear in either book. Superintendent of Mails Kirk was interviewed and he advised that their records reflect that Ray Netterfield resided at 1310 Collingswood Avenue, no forwarding address for this party being filed. On agents' visit to 1310 Collingwood Avenue they found the building empty and inquiry in the neighborhood developed that he is unknown.

After agents were unable to locate Ray Netterfield they proceeded to the reported locality where the body was found with a view to interviewing anyone in that vicinity, who might have knowledge concerning the finding of the body and its position and possible identification of same.

O. Kluge, Talmadge Road, near Central Avenue; L. Horge, Central Avenue; H. A. G. A., and Ernest Kukuk, three brothers, who operate a fruit stand on Monroe Street, near Talmadge Road, were interviewed, and stated while they read an account in the newspapers about finding the body of an unknown man on Talmadge Road, they were not present and did not see the body. Ernest Kukuk stated that one Sammy Hawk, a day fireman, employed by Fisher Brothers Greenhouse, corner of Talmadge Road and Monroe Streets, assisted the coroner and undertaker in removing the body from the place where found, and possibly could furnish detailed information.

Sammy Hawk was interviewed. He stated that he recalls that a man who was picking bittersweet on Labor Day in 1934, in a field east of Talmadge Road and about a half-mile north of Monroe Street, came to the greenhouse and stated that there was a dead man lying in the field and asked to use the telephone to notify the sheriff. Dave Krieger, who was then sheriff, came to the greenhouse, and he and the man who discovered the body accompanied the sheriff to the locality where the place where the body was lying. Hawk stated that the body of the unknown man was in a badly decomposed condition and was emitting an awful stench; that the body was blackened and decay had set in. He stated that this dead body appeared to be a man about 40 to 45 years of age; height about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches; and of medium build. He stated that there was little or no hair on the head; however, there were a few strands of hair around the edge of the head, and they were of a straight light brown or sandy color, and did not appear to be the hair of a negro, although the exposed parts of the body were almost black from being exposed to the heat of the sun. He stated he observed that the teeth of the dead man appeared to be his natural teeth and there were no gold crowns or fillings; that the body appeared to be dressed in a dark blue shirt, grey trousers and work shoes. He stated that there was a piece of twine tied around the head and mouth with a square piece of cloth over the mouth and the hands were tied behind the back with a cord, similar to that of a window sash cord. He stated that later the coroner arrived with a police photographer, newspaper reporter and plain clothesman, who came to the scene in two cars; that one of these police officers, who was a large man and seemed to be in charge, informed some of the plainclothes officers that "this is just a small case; you boys can go back; we'll just bury the body, and it looks like it will be impossible to identify it."

He stated that he was not questioned by the officers, and as far as he knows no one else in that vicinity was; that the stench from this body was terrible, and everybody seemed to be anxious to get away from it; that the undertaker who came there to remove the body offered him \$1.00 to pick up the body and place it on the stretcher after the undertaker's assistant attempted to do so and became ill. Hawk stated that the hands of the dead man appeared to be in fairly good condition, altho the right arm dropped off at the elbow and the left hand off at the wrist; that he heard the police photographer mention to the undertaker that he would like to try and take fingerprints, suggesting to the undertaker that the hands were to be preserved for this purpose. Hawk accompanied agents to the locality where the body was found, and it was noted by agents that the place where the body was discovered, as indicated by Hawks, was in an open field approximately 200 feet east of Talmadge Road, on a line about 100 feet south of a concrete culvert on Talmadge Road, and about one-fifth of a mile north of Lasky Road or one-half mile north of Monroe Street. This open field has a growth of small trees and brush on same, and there is no one residing in that immediate vicinity.

In view of the statement of Dr. Frank G. Kreft, former coroner, that George Timiney, Toledo Police Department, had assisted him on various homicide cases, a photograph of George Timiney was exhibited to Sammy Hawks and he stated it resembled the large plain clothes officer who appeared to be in charge of the officers who came to the place where the body of the unknown man was found near Talmadge Road.

Photographs taken of the body of unidentified man by the Toledo police photographer were obtained from the police at Toledo by Special Agent L. H. Richmond and turned over to agents. There were five different scenes taken, and they are being marked "A" to "E", inclusive, and are being retained in the Cleveland office file for future reference.

Special Agent Richmond stated upon examination of records of the sheriff's office the only information found about this matter was a brief report made by David M. Krieger, former sheriff, stating that at 10:45 a.m., September 3, 1934, a body of an unidentified man was found in a field by Roy Netterfield of 1310 Collingwood, while he was looking for bittersweet. The body was ordered taken to Pierstorff Funeral Home by Coroner Kreft. Krieger's report states - "This is a very suspicious case. There was a piece of twine around the head and a rope over his shoulders."

David M. Krieger was interviewed at his residence, 4570 Eastway, Toledo, and stated that he was sheriff of Lucas County, Ohio, from January 1, 1933 to December 31, 1934; that he recalls the incident of the finding of the body of an unidentified white man in a field off Talmadge Road about Labor Day 1934; that he was notified by telephone of this dis-

covery and after visiting the scene he notified Dr. Frank G. Kreft, then coroner, who came to the locality accompanied by the police photographer and three members of the police Homicide Squad, headed by John Hovey in charge. Mr. Krieger stated this body was that of a white man of about 40 years of age, about five feet ten inches tall, of medium weight - 160 to 170 lbs. This body had no gold teeth. It was reported by a newspaper reporter the day after the body was found that the body had several gold teeth and to definitely determine whether or not this was so, as he had not noticed any gold teeth he and a member of the Homicide Squad and the police photographer went to the State Line Cemetery where the body was held, preparatory to burial, and removed the lid of the rough box, pried open the jaws of the body and noted there were no gold fillings or crowns, and it appeared the body had its natural teeth in fairly good condition. ✓

He stated the body had a piece of twine around the face across the mouth with a piece of cloth over the mouth like a gag, and the arms were tied behind the back with a cord similar to a window sash cord. He stated the body was in very bad condition and blackened where exposed from heat of the sun; that decomposition had set in and the stench was terrible; that the police photographer mentioned about trying to obtain fingerprints of this body, but no effort was made to do so inasmuch as acting Coroner Paul Hohby stated he did not believe the body could ever be identified and instructed the undertaker to bury the body. Mr. Krieger stated the only investigation made by him and the Police Homicide Squad in this connection was to check the list of missing persons to determine if any would come within the description of the unknown dead man, but none answering such description was reported missing in Toledo and vicinity. Mr. Krieger stated that in all cases of violent deaths in Lucas County while he was sheriff, he usually requested the assistance of the Toledo Police Homicide Squad, on account of his lack of police and investigative training in such cases. He stated that at no time during his period of office as sheriff did George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, assist him on homicide cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pierstorff, who operate the Pierstorff Funeral Home, 3234 Cherry Street, were interviewed on June 30th, relative to the body of the unknown white man found near Talmadge Road on September 3d, 1934. Mr. Pierstorff stated he recalls being called on Labor Day 1934 to take care of the body of an unknown white man found in a field about one-half mile north of Monroe Street and about 150 to 200 feet east of Talmadge Road. He stated he went to this location, but on account of the stench from the body he could hardly get near enough to it to make any

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examination; that he offered a young man, who worked in that vicinity, \$100 to pick up the body and place it on a stretcher, which he did; that there was very little flesh on the hands and the right arm was rotted off at the elbow and the left hand off at the wrist. Mr. Pierstorff stated he knew this unknown man was a white man, because of his straight hair, although most all of the hair was gone; that the hair was of a sandy color or light brown. He stated this body did not have any gold teeth in the head, and he is absolutely sure of this for he with the police photographer and a member of the Homicide Squad made a second examination of the teeth at the State Line Cemetery after a news article appeared in one of the Toledo newspapers to the effect that the unknown dead man had several gold teeth in his head. He stated the body appeared to be about five feet nine or ten inches tall and of medium build, about 160 lbs. Mr. Pierstorff stated he moved this body to his garage in the rear of his funeral home, and the next day the neighbors caused him to move the body on account of its stench. He stated the body was then rolled up in a plain sheet and six or seven bottles of formaldehyde poured on the body; then placed in a rough box and taken to the State Line Cemetery, where it was held one day and was buried in the State Line Cemetery on September 6, 1936. Mr. Pierstorff stated the State Line Cemetery is the official burial place for township in which the body was found; that the body was buried in the township site and not Potters Field, State Line Cemetery. Mrs. Pierstorff corroborated her husband relative to the description of the body of the unknown white man.

Mr. Pierstorff further stated that the following officers were at the place where the body was found:

Sheriff David M. Krieger,
 Dr. Frank G. Kreft, Coroner;
 Dr. Paul Hohly, Acting Coroner;
 Detective Ralph Hovey, Toledo Police Homicide Squad;
 " Murphy,
 Henry Semback, Toledo Police Photographer.

He stated that he does not recall any of the officers at the place where this body was found ever asking him to preserve any parts of the body, and no effort was made to take fingerprints due to the very bad odor of the body. He stated that on account of the large amount of embalming fluid poured on the body shortly before it was buried, he believes that at this time if the body was exhumed there might be a possibility of obtaining fingerprints, as the odor of the body would be cleared up and the body fairly well preserved. Mr. Pierstorff stated that if it was desired that the body be exhumed, he could secure an order from the Board of Health and exhume the body and rebury it for the sum of \$50.00; that in

the event of identification he might be able to sell the relatives of the unknown dead man a nice coffin for the body.

Dr. Paul Hohly, 1209 Edison Building, was interviewed by agents on June 30th and stated that in 1934 he was acting coroner when County Coroner Dr. Frank G. Kreft was out of town; that he recalls the body of an unknown man being found near Talmadge Road about Labor Day 1934; that Dr. Kreft, the coroner, first examined the body, but we went out of the city to Chicago before the body was buried or ordered buried by the coroner, and he, the acting coroner, made a superficial investigation and examination of the body, and on account of its blackened color he decided it must be a negro and so stated to the newspaper reporter; that he ordered the body buried as it appeared impossible to establish any identification. He stated he does not recall any attempt being made to obtain fingerprints. Dr. Hohly gave practically the same description of the body as Undertaker Pierstorff.

Henry Semback, Toledo Police Department photographer, was interviewed by agents at Toledo police headquarters on June 30th and stated he recalls, after refreshing his memory from his records, that about 3 pm on Labor Day 1934, he was called by Dr. Frank G. Kreft, county coroner, to accompany him to a location near the Talmadge Road, about 1/2 mile north of Monroe Street, just outside of the city of Toledo in Lucas County, Ohio, for the purpose of taking some photographs of body of an unknown man found there. He stated he accompanied the coroner with Detectives Ralph Hovey and Murphy of the Toledo Police Homicide Squad and "Pug" O'Neil, a drunken newspaper reporter, to this location. He took photographs of the body and the scene where found, and recently furnished a set of these photographs to Special Agent Richmond. He verified the information relative to the place where the body was found and its condition. He stated on account of the badly decomposed condition and stench of the body he did not attempt to take fingerprints at the time, but he requested the undertaker, Mr. Pierstorff, to preserve the hands of this man in formaldehyde for a couple days, and he would then attempt to take fingerprints, as he believed this treatment would enable him to secure prints. However, the undertaker and the acting coroner would not cooperate, and the body was buried.

Mr. Semback stated that the unknown dead man was a white man; that a drunken newspaper reporter wrote an article which appeared in the Toledo newspaper on September 5, 1934; that the unknown dead man had several gold teeth in his head, and as soon as this article appeared Undertaker Pierstorff, a member of the Homicide Squad, and he himself went to the State Line Cemetery, where the body was in a rough box, but not buried, and they opened the box, pried open the jaws and carefully

noted there were no gold teeth, but the body appeared to have all natural teeth in fair condition. Mr. Semback made search of the police records for the report on the finding of the body of this unknown man, and the only report that he could find was a form report, giving the time the body was found and setting out similar information contained in the report of the sheriff. Copy of this report was obtained and is being retained in the file of the Cleveland field office.

Mr. Semback stated that George Timiney had nothing to do with this case, and as far as he knows, George Timiney never worked on homicide cases, as there is a regular homicide squad of the Toledo police assigned to work of this nature.

When prior inquiry was made as to various bodies found in view of a possibility one might be identified as that of Doctor Moran, it developed the x-ray films made of Doctor Moran as the result of his injuries in the Army could not be found and no chart of his teeth could be located. It is doubtful if identification could be had of the body provided it was that of Doctor Joseph P. Moran. For this reason the expediency of having the body exhumed is doubtful and provided no fingerprints were obtained, which later would be very problematical at this late date, it would be a useless expense and endeavor.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The PITTSBURGH OFFICE will at CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, conduct an investigation concerning Howard Thompson, care of "Ma" Bunell, Winegar Street, as it appears from the letter written by Charles Brown and intended for Thompson and also from the statement made by Brown, that Thompson is possibly engaged in the interstate transportation of women for immoral purposes; it further appears from the statement made by Brown that Thompson has transported his alleged wife, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, for the purpose of practising prostitution. Investigation should be conducted at "Ma" Bunell's place, as it is alleged that she conducts a house of prostitution. The girl inmates of this house should be interviewed and efforts made to determine whether these women have been transported in interstate commerce in violation of the W. S. T. Act. When interviewing Thompson and his alleged wife efforts should be made to determine what houses of prostitution Margaret Thompson worked in while in the city of Toledo; these people should be questioned concerning their knowledge of any "Pay-offs" made to the police or other persons for protection in the operation of the houses of prostitution. It is alleged that Ted Angus, who harbored Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang, collected the graft from the houses of prostitution and the money was shared with Captain George

Timiney of the Toledo Police Department and other city officials. Timiney is a prospective subject in the harboring case now being prepared.

Reports covering this investigation should be submitted in the case entitled Howard Thompson; Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Victim; White Slave Traffic Act. The office of origin is Cleveland, Ohio. Copies of the reports should be designated for the Brekid case for the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Paul field offices.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE will at TOLEDO, OHIO, interview Martin Keating for the purpose of exhibiting to him the photograph of Ted Angus to ascertain if Keating can identify the photograph as being the likeness of the person who frequented the Luna Pier with George Timiney.

Will interview Johnnie Shea, care of the Legion Post, 931 Central, for the purpose of securing from him the address and correct name of Skeeter Neal. Neal should be interviewed concerning the gambling operations in the city of Toledo.

Will interview Jack Murtha, former bartender at the Casino Club during 1934 and obtain such information as he might possess concerning the Karpis-Barker gang frequenting the Casino Club. Will likewise interview Art Pfund, former waiter at the club, for such information as he might possess.

Will interview Viola McClary, 353 1/2 Avondale Street, a maid who has been employed at the Shelby Hotel since 1929. The McClary woman should be interrogated concerning the operation of the Shelby Hotel and whether she has knowledge of a "payoff".

Will interview Big Nell and Crippled Nell at the Little Club, who were formerly entertainers at the Casino Club. These colored women should be interrogated concerning the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club.

Will interview Vie Kerwin, former entertainer at the Casino Club, and who is reported to have recently worked at the Evergreen Gardens, Toledo, Ohio, and will also interview Fred Burkhart, who frequented the Casino during 1934 and ascertain what information they have concerning Karpis and other members of the gang frequenting the Casino. Will endeavor to locate and identify Fillie Broadway who is the recorded owner of the property which was formerly occupied by the Casino Club.

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JULY 7, 1936.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
July 6, 1936

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland Office to the Detroit Office dated June 29, 1936, in which it was requested that investigation be conducted at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, relative to interviewing shipkeepers who, in 1934 and 1935 were on board ships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company tied up in the lagoon at Bay View, Toledo, Ohio.

From a check of the photographs on file at the Detroit Office it was found that the file does not contain the most recent photographs of the following:

Alvin Karpis	Dolores Delaney
Harry Campbell	Wynona Burdette
Jimmy Wilson	Fred Barker
Paula Harmon	Volney Davis
Edna Murray	"Slim" Gibson
"Doc" Barker	"Bill" Weaver
Myrtle Eaton	Ollie Berg

It is, therefore, requested that the latest photographs in the possession of the Chicago Office of the above named members of the Barker-Karpis gang be forwarded to the Detroit Office to aid in the investigation being conducted at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
July 6, 1936

Mr. John J. Ryan
Superintendent
United States Detention Farm
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: BREKID

Receipt is acknowledged of copy of letter dated June 13, 1936, written by Alvin Karpis to Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution.

The contents of this letter have been carefully scrutinized.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this as in other matters, I remain,

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 7, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find the fingerprints of Thelma Holst, who was questioned at the Philadelphia Office on July 2, 1936 with reference to her knowledge of the above captioned case while she resided in Toledo, Ohio. She willingly submitted to having these fingerprints taken.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli
R. E. VETTERLI,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Re: BREKID

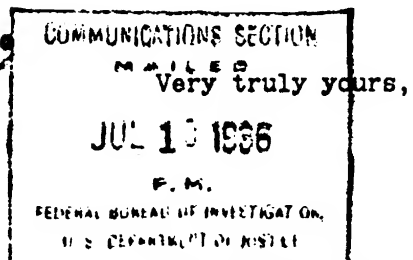
Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

J---, Thelma Holst

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Cincinnati, Ohio
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St. Paul, Minn.

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

July 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: BREYD

Dear Sir:

It is requested that photographs of Mr. and Mrs. John Stover, if available, be forwarded to the Cleveland office.

Due to the investigation presently being conducted at Canton and Youngstown, Ohio, it is requested that the photographs be forwarded at the earliest date possible.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
July 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your memorandum to all field offices dated June 17, 1936, relative to the registration of a 1935 Standard Ford Coupe, Model 40, bearing motor #18-429014.

Please be advised that this office forwarded a letter to the Automobile and License Department of the State Tax Commission, Montgomery, Alabama, describing the above mentioned automobile, and a reply was received, indicating that the automobile had not been registered in the State of Alabama. However, a stop card is being placed in the files, and the Birmingham office will be notified in the event the automobile is registered in Alabama subsequently.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

July 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

The Cleveland office is presently conducting an investigation at Canton, Ohio, relative to the institution of possible harboring charges against JOE RICH, EDNA HANEY, and JOHN STOVER.

Briefly, for the information of the Kansas City office, Joe Rich is a dope addict, hoodlum and pimp for Edna Haney, who operates a house of prostitution in Canton, Ohio. Investigation to date discloses that John Stover, aviator from Hot Springs, Arkansas, undoubtedly flew Grace Goldstein from Hot Springs, Arkansas to Canton, Ohio, on or about January 20, 1936 (refer to report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, April 22, 1936, pages 61 to 63) where she contacted Alvin Karpis.

Earl Kial, instructor at the McKinley Airport, Canton, Ohio, has identified a photograph of Joe Rich as the individual who drove Karpis to the airport on January 21, 1936, at which time Karpis, Grace Goldstein, Stover and his wife left in Stover's plane ostensibly to return to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

At the present time it is strongly suspected that Karpis and Goldstein stayed at the home of Rich and Edna Haney, and the Cleveland office is preparing to interview Edna Haney along these lines in the next few days. Joe Rich is presently incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is serving a two-year sentence for selling narcotics. It is requested that the Kansas City office make arrangements whereby Rich may be interviewed in the near future, bearing in mind the possibility of securing an admission from Rich that he knew the true identity of Karpis at the time he harbored him.

In this connection Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley suggests that Rich not be approached openly relative to Karpis, but that he be first questioned along the lines of a possible White Slave

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For the assistance of the Kansas City office in conducting the interview, there is at the present time a prostitute by the name of Daisy Farmer, residing in Edna Haney's house. Information has been obtained that Daisy Farmer was transported from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Canton, Ohio, by one Eddie Sanford, the date of the transportation not as yet having been ascertained. This information may possibly be used as a basis for questioning Joe Rich.

It is also suggested that a check of all mail received or sent by Rich for the next few weeks be made for the purpose of ascertaining the content of the letters between Rich and Edna Haney.

Very truly yours,

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**Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.**

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below are copies of letter written by Alvin Karpis, Subject in instant case, to Dolores Delaney, an inmate of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, under date of June 28, 1936.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke

**H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge**

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Dolores Delaney,
P. O. Box 1000
Milan, Mich.

Alvin Karpis,
June 28, 1936.
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Dolores: You no doubt received my letter, the one I sent last week. I am a little late with this one as I have been waiting for mother to come up, knowing as I did that she had been to see you. I thought I would wait and see if there was anything you wanted. Ans. right away, but I have talked to her and as I know now that there isn't I am writing now. How are you getting along since they were there to see you? I hope you all had a nice visit. Mother, father, and Clara were here today and I expect my sister from Kansas up Monday. Mother was looking much better than I expected her to, you know this is the first time I have seen her in a long time. I certainly enjoyed the visit and I hope she feels better as she was anxious to see me. Well it will not be long until it is your birthday. I hope you are out of there by the time your next one after this one rolls around. I have decided to send you some money for your birthday instead of a present, as I believe in being practical in a matter of kind. Then you can buy what you want instead of having something you can't very well use in there. Are you receiving the St. Paul paper yet? Don't forget to let me know what magazines you would like to receive. So you are getting fat are you. Well you know what I told you about that so you had better start reducing soon as you are apt to go out of there looking like Kate Smith. As short as you are that would be a scream wouldn't it, especially if you walked down the street smoking a cigar. What do you suppose Ray would think about a thing like that? How are you getting along with your girl friend. O.K. I hope. It is nice to be able to have a friend in a place like that, who is pleasant and agreeable. It makes the time go by much faster. I am feeling fine. I must weigh around 143 to 145 pounds, so it looks as if this jail agrees with me. I received a letter from Emily. She seems very interested in you all of a sudden as it were. Well they say never look a gift horse in the mouth. Clara told me she wrote you a letter but is wondering if you will be allowed to receive it. Let me know in your next letter if you happen to remember. I hear Jean is in Chi. and is doing alright. I was glad to hear that. I think my folks are going to see your mother tomorrow if they can locate here. It seems as though you Delaneys are rather hard to catch up with.

I was arraigned last Tuesday. The trial was set for the 14th of July. I see by the papers Mr. Bolton pleaded guilty last Friday. I suppose I had just as well at the time, so far as getting acquitted is concerned. It was rather warm here today, in fact I believe it is the warmest day St. Paul has had this year. How is the weather in Mich.? I don't suppose it is any warmer there then it was in Cuba. I was talking to an agent the other day who investigated that phase of this case. He stayed with Bermudaz. You know they have their boarding house in operation now. He was there several days. He was telling me he talked to Heller and

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a few more of the people around Veradero and Varana. How would you like to be there looking at the moon tonight. Just after one of the many tropical storms they have there. Do you remember Toots? And her quick sand. I can just think of her and that laugh and start laughing myself. I'll bet you do the same when you read the line mentioning her. You know I am getting where I can't hardly sleep at night any more as I have been playing checkers with the agent on duty at night, and I sleep at day time. There is a cocktail room at the Lowry Hotel and when it closes about one or two a.m. the drunks seem to congregate out in front of the county jail and do they raise cane. It is a wonder to me they are not arrested for disturbing the peace. I am going to have to get up early in the morning as I want to get a haircut before the folks come back over. They are going to go back to Chicago Tues. or Wed. I hope my sister brings my niece along. As she is my favorite among all my nieces and nephews. So you think Ray is growing fast do you? Well I suppose he is being spoiled as fast as he is growing. I suppose when you get out you will be doing the same thing with him. I am going to have mother take him out to Kansas for the summer. After the Fourth of July. Then when you get out she is going to move out to California, live with Ray and you if you think you would like it better than you would Chicago. Of course you would not be allowed to go to Soap's place, etc. But I don't suppose you would care for that anyway. I don't know when my second trial will be, probably some time in the fall. How is Winona getting along? I will probably see her then. The old man was telling me he drove the Buick I gave him ninety-five miles an hour. What do you think of him driving that fast. I told him about the time we went along at 105 per. He can't tell whether I am kidding him or whether I mean it. I suppose he will think I am kidding him. Well I am having them take Ray to a studio and have some nice pictures taken of him. Then I am going to see that you receive some of them, providing of course it is permissible. I would like to have a picture of you but I will wait till you reduce. I seen the one they took of you after Ray was born. An agent had it. I don't know if they will be able to find your mother or not but I will let you know in my next letter. I hope they do as she will no doubt be very glad to hear from you thru my parents, as it is much nicer that way than a letter. Well I don't think I can think of anything else to write about as news is rather scarce in here. I will write the results of this visit to you in my next letter so be a good girl.

With love,

Alvin Karpis

P.S. Enclosed is \$20.00.

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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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July 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter dated June 22, 1936, an Agent of the Cincinnati Office made inquiry at the office of the Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio, and the following information was obtained.

On June 16, 1936, Frank W. Smith, James A. Patton, Olive H. Ewing and Arthur W. Hebebrand filed Articles of Incorporation using the name of the Beachcliff Building Company designating the principal place of business as Rocky River in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The capitalization of the firm was set out as \$5,000.00, and the principal purposes were to engage in the buying and selling of real estate.

Frank W. Smith is designated as the agent of the company and the proper person upon whom process, tax notices or demands may be served. The corporation number is 167074. As the Articles of Incorporation were quite long, the Agent secured a copy of them and they are being sent to you with copies of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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July 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

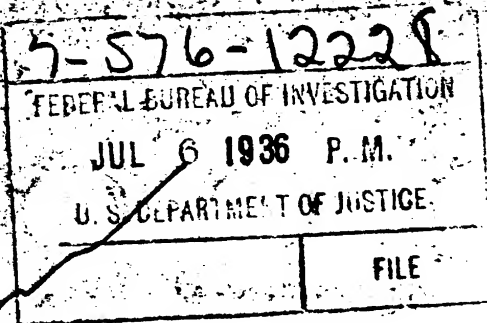
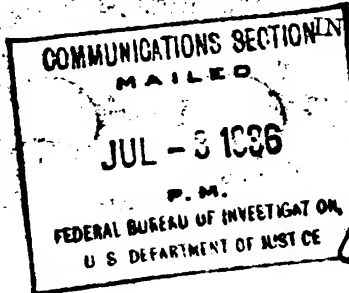
Confirming instructions issued to you under date of June 30, 1936, by Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, you are instructed to permit the Post Office Inspectors to interview Alvin Karpis in the presence of Bureau Agents in the event the Post Office Inspectors call at the St. Paul Office and desire to interview Karpis. Under no circumstances should the Bureau's guard of Alvin Karpis be removed at any time, even on the occasion of interviews conducted with him by Post Office Inspectors. The Bureau feels that it should maintain an adequate guard over Alvin Karpis at all times, regardless of the fact that he may be interviewed for temporary periods by representatives of the Post Office Department.

You should issue appropriate instructions to the Agents assigned to guard duty of Alvin Karpis to absolutely prohibit any third degree or threatening tactics on the part of persons interviewing him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
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**404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
July 6, 1936**

**Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.**

'Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 2, 1936, relative to Post Office Inspectors interviewing Alvin Karpis in the presence of Bureau Agents and requesting that no interviews with Karpis be permitted unless in the presence of a Bureau agent.

Please be advised that suitable instructions will be given to the agents of the St. Paul Office relative to this matter and that in accordance with Bureau letter, appropriate instructions will be given to those agents assigned to guard duty of Alvin Karpis to absolutely prohibit any third degree or threatening tactics on the part of persons interviewing him.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein
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Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. BOX #1525
PITTSBURGH, PA.

July 7, 1936

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters dated
December 11, 1935, and April 28, 1936 (7-576).

There is transmitted herewith a list of
Thompson sub-machine guns sold in the state of Iowa from July
14, 1928 to July 26, 1934. This list was furnished by the
Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers

R. L. SHIVERS
Special Agent in Charge

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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Sheriff Manchester, Cedar Rapids	7/14/28	1	7512
O. J. Fuelner, Strawberry Point	11/3/28	1	5892
The Cutler Hdwe. Company, Waterloo	12/5/28	2	5715 6006
Doctor H. W. Keller 510 Hippe Bldg. Des Moines	4/22/29	1	7832
Hopkins & McKee Sporting Goods Co. 412 7th St. Des Moines	7/27/29	1	6036
Alson Sporting Goods Company 315 4th St. Sioux City	8/10/29	1	4205
Bargain Basement, Storm Lake	8/15/29	1	6180
J. H. Searls, 1821 Nebraska St. Sioux City	10/3/29	1	6125
Police Dept. Des Moines	11/20/29	1	4321
Sheriff Robertson, Fayette County, West Union	12/28/29	1	8074
Sheriff Baker, Montgomery County Red Oak	12/19/29	1	7068
Baker Institute 407 East Front St. Muscatine	4/16/30	2	8983 7570
Sheriff, Marshall County, Marshalltown	6/17/30	1	8974
Police Dept. Marshalltown	6/17/30	1	8260
Sheriff Murray, Burlington	7/3/30	1	7685
Dept. Public Safety, Police Dept. Burlington	7/9/30	1	6580
Police Dept. Ames	7/10/30	1	9722
Police Dept. Ottumwa	7/14/30	1	6837
W. B. Fitch, Chairman of Committee Oskaloosa	8/16/30	1	7256
Police Dept. Des Moines	8/21/30	1	8965
Police Dept. Mason City	9/11/30	1	8476
Sheriff Hattery, Story County, Nevada	9/12/30	1	8845
Commercial National Bank, Waterloo	9/19/30	1	9110
James Reid, Chief of Police, Boone	9/25/30	1	9064
First National Bank, Newton	10/11/30	1	9966
Police Dept. City of Newton	10/11/30	1	8195
Sheriff Kelly, Newton	10/11/30	1	9488

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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Sheriff Oakes, Louisa County, Wapello	7/17/31	1	5214
Chief of Police, Council Bluffs	10/1/31	1	7696
Chief of Police, Dubuque	3/12/32	1	7247
Lewis System Inc. c/o Chief of Police Des Moines	10/19/32	1	7243
Lewis System Inc. Des Moines	11/10/32	1	3092
J.E. Jenkins, (Fed. Lab. Salesman) Davenport	10/21/32	1	8034
Hawkeye Protective Appliance Co. 525 Flynn Bldg, Des Moines, for Sheriff of Plymouth County	3/30/33	1	3259
Sheriff Tumkull, O'Brien County, Primghar	4/24/33	1	7738
Osceola County, Sibley	5/6/33	1	2447
Police Dept. City of Muscatine,	7/25/33	1	12492
Bureau of Investigation, State House, Des Moines	8/2/33	2	7429 7587
Dallas County, Adel	8/7/33	1	3032
Polk County, Des Moines	8/24/33	1	2859
Hardin County, Eldora	8/22/33	1	3253
Woodbury County, Sioux City	9/9/33	1	3762
Lewis System Inc. Sioux City	9/27/33	1	3014
Greene County, Jefferson	9/20/33	1	2768
Pottawattamie County, Council Bluffs	10/23/33	1	7126
Board of Control, State Penitentiary Fort Madison	10/28/33	2	8181 5684
Johnson County, Iowa City	10/30/33	1	8595
Polk County, Des Moines	11/25/33	1	3380
City of Fort Madison	4/5/34	1	8467
Woodbury County, Sioux City	4/18/34	1	7277
City of Keokuk	5/16/34	1	7910
Clinton County, Clinton	5/16/34	3	7160 7136 4181
Davis County, Bloomfield	5/16/34	1	7732
City of Clinton	5/22/34	2	7065 2889
Mens Reformatory, Anamosa	5/29/34	2	7114 7037
Lyon County, Rock Rapids	6/4/34	1	10007
White Line Transfer & Storage Company Des Moines	6/7/34	4	11227 13508 9835 9149

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<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
City of Waterloo	6/18/34	2	9998 10327
Clay County, Spencer	6/22/34	1	13474
City of Spencer	6/22/34	1	8787
Dubuque County, Dubuque	7/17/34	1	10553

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-55**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/5/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/12, 22/36	REPORT MADE BY F. C. DOHMART - FB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, With Aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, With Aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Colt .45 Calibre automatic pistol, government model, Number C162693 was sold by Sloss Brittain Company, San Francisco, on 11/9/35 to Rose Sporting Goods Company, Reno, Nevada. Hudson Coupe, Motor Number 58242 registered under 1936 California license to C. M. Lyons, 1825 Ivar Avenue, Hollywood, California. Stops placed with California Motor Vehicle Department on 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor Number 2044537 and 1935 Standard Ford Coupe, Motor Number 18-429014. No Robert Hood presently receiving mail. General Delivery, San Francisco, California.			
REFERENCE: Letter from the New York City Bureau Office to the Cincinnati Bureau Office dated 6/2/36. Letter from the Chicago Bureau Office to the Cincinnati Bureau Office dated 6/15/36. Letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office to all field offices dated 6/17/36. Letter from the Los Angeles Bureau Office, dated 6/19/36. Letter from the Los Angeles Bureau Office, dated 6/24/36.			
DETAILS: At San Francisco, California.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-12232 JUL 8 1936 JUL 8 - AM <i>[Signature]</i>	
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At the Sloss Brittain Wholesale Hardware Company, 1400 Howard Street, agent interviewed Mr. Joseph Sloss, Jr. who, after reviewing the records, advised that Colt .45 Automatic pistol, government model Number C162893 was sold by them on 11/9/33 to the Reno Sporting Goods Company, Reno, Nevada.

For the information of the Salt Lake City Bureau Office, reference letter from the New York Bureau Office to the Cincinnati Bureau Office, dated 6/2/36, a copy of which was furnished the San Francisco Bureau Office, contained the following paragraph:

"The Cleveland Office by letter, dated May 12, 1936, requested the New York Office to trace a colt automatic pistol .45 Calibre government model number C162893. Information was received from the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, by letter dated May 26, 1936, that .45 Calibre automatic pistol, government model number C162893 was shipped to Sloss & Brittain of San Francisco, California, on May 24, 1935."

For the information of the Salt Lake City Bureau Office, it may be stated that this gun was found to be in the possession of Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell at the time of their arrest and it is requested that additional investigation be conducted at the Reno Sporting Goods Company, Reno, Nevada, for the purpose of tracing this gun further.

A step having already been placed with the California Division of Motor Vehicles on 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor Number PJ 322772, a letter has been addressed to Miss Ruth Assalena, National Automobile Theft Bureau located at the California Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, requesting that a step notice be placed against 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor Number 2044337 and 1935 Standard Ford Coupe, Motor Number 18-429014.

In response to a communication from this office requesting information as to the registration of Hudson Coupe, Motor Number 58242, Miss Assalena advised the San Francisco Bureau Office that this car was registered under 1936 License Number 7-S-4033 on February 4, 1936, showing the registered owner as C. M. Lyons, 1825 Ivar Avenue, Hollywood, California, the legal owner as the First Bond and Mortgage Company, 1618 Brand Boulevard, Glendale, California.

In view of the fact that reference letter from the Los Angeles Bureau Office indicates that Carlotta M. Lyons has been located and interviewed and found to have no apparent connection with this case, this information is merely set out for record purposes.

At the General Delivery window, agent ascertained that there was no one by the name of Robert Reed presently receiving mail at the General Delivery window. A check of the forwarding orders revealed that one Robert Reed left a forwarding address on 12/3/35 showing his address as General Delivery, Tulsa, Oklahoma. A stop notice was placed in the General Delivery Box whereby the San Francisco Bureau Office would be called immediately in the event anyone by the name of Robert Reed called for mail.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SALT LAKE CITY BUREAU OFFICE AT RENO, NEVADA, will ascertain from the Reno Sporting Goods Company, the disposition made by them of the .45 Colt automatic pistol, government model, Number C162893 which was shipped to that company from the Sloss Brittain Company of San Francisco on 11/9/35.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/3/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/3, 18, 23/36	REPORT MADE BY F. C. DOWART - FB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, With Aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, With Aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">RECEIVED</div> <p>Dr. L. T. Commins, Greyhound Breeder, seldom visits tracks anymore, has no information concerning William Elmer Mead. No Pat Mead, alleged father of William Elmer Mead, ever known at Colton House, San Francisco, California. G. A. Baxter, brother-in-law of Mead, believes Mead or wife may be corresponding with Portland, Oregon relatives through uncle of Kate Mead, i.e., Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeTemple, Portland, Oregon. Charles O. Long no longer wanted by California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, California, 4/28/36; Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Mo. 5/4/36; Report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, 5/11/36; Report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, 5/19/36.</p>			
DETAILS: <div style="text-align: right;"><u>At San Francisco, California</u></div> <p>IN accordance with leads set out in reference report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, agent interviewed Dr. L. T. Commins, Dentist, 3259A Mission Street, who advised that he did have a hobby of Greyhound Breeding.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>A. L. Lester</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>W. E. Hopton</i>		
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but in the past few years has not been as active in that respect as heretofore. He stated that as a matter of fact, he has only visited the Baden Kennel Club, South San Francisco, California, for about one hour since it opened two weeks ago. Dr. Cummins was exhibited a picture of William Elmer Mead and an identification order of Mead was left with him, but he stated that he could not recall ever having seen Mead or heard of any of the activities of the kind in which Mead has been involved, ever having occurred around one of the dog racing tracks in the vicinity of San Francisco.

Dr. Cummins stated that inasmuch as the customers of the dog tracks are not of the same calibre as those frequenting the horse racing tracks, he believed that men of Mead's calibre would not be likely to frequent such places, at least in the vicinity of San Francisco. He stated that he would be inclined to believe that likely, victims of such bunco schemes as Mead engages in, might visit the Florida and Southern California Dog Tracks, but that the patrons in the vicinity of San Francisco were not of the wealthier class.

Dr. Cummins stated, however, that he would immediately contact the San Francisco Bureau Office if he received any information whatsoever concerning Mead or any activities which might indicate that Mead was frequenting the Baden Kennel Dog Tracks.

At the Colton House, 224 - 3rd Street, San Francisco, agent was advised by the manager that he has never known anyone by the name of Pat Mead residing at that hotel.

A check of the register for the past three or four months revealed that no one by the name of Pat Mead was presently registered there.

With reference to the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, dated 5/19/36, Special Agent W. J.

Confidential

Birthright, of this office, conducted investigation at the California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California, concerning Charles O. Long and the report that he was presently wanted by that Bureau.

Agent Birthright was advised by Mrs. Charles Stone of the above Bureau, that their wanted notice was originally placed upon the complaint of Mr. Lee C. Overstolz and Mrs. Charles E. Overstolz, Santa Ana, California, who complained that in December, 1926, they had visited in Kansas City, Mo. at which time they had met Charles O. Long and Elmore Garnet who succeeded in defrauding the Overstolz of \$14,000.00 upon the promise that Overstolz was to be let in upon a certain stock which was certain to make a sharp rise; that after Long and Garnet succeeded in obtaining \$14,000.00 they told the Overstolz to return to Los Angeles, California, to await further communication; that nothing further was ever heard from Long and Garnet and they then realized that they had been defrauded.

Mrs. Stone advised Agent Birthright that inasmuch as the bunco scheme did not take place in California, but in Kansas City, Mo. that Charles O. Long was no longer wanted by the California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California.

At the Tubbs Cordage Company, agent re-interviewed Mr. C. A. Baxter, brother-in-law of William Elmer Mead. Mr. Baxter stated that they have had no information concerning Mead or his wife Kate, since he was last interviewed by agents of this office. Asked as to what members of the Schmitt family living in Portland, Oregon with whom he believed Mead or Kate Mead might correspond, Mr. Baxter stated that Frank Schmitt presently managing the Apartment Building in Portland, Oregon, would be the most likely member. If the Meads were to correspond with anyone else in Portland, Oregon, who would convey the information to any members of the Schmitt family, Mr. Baxter stated that he believed that that party might be an elderly couple, who are the uncle and aunt of Kate Schmitt Mead, by the name of DeTemple. Mr. Baxter stated that inasmuch as these

people were elderly and unsuspecting, that Kate Mead might use them as a medium through which she might correspond with other members of the family. Mr. Baxter was not sure of the first name of Mr. DeTemple, but stated that this uncle of Kate Schmitt Mead had a son by the name of Fred DeTemple who operated a plumbing store in Portland, Oregon, and he was of the opinion that Fred was also the name of the elder DeTemple.

In this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, dated 5/11/36, a copy of which was furnished to the Portland Bureau Office, in which it is noted that on at least two occasions, Kate Schmitt Mead has used the name of Marie DeTemple. It will also be noted in this reference report of Special Agent V. E. Criss that a lead was set out for the San Francisco Bureau Office to check the central files of the principal banks in San Francisco for the purpose of determining whether Mrs. Kate Mead alias Marie Mead, alias Marie DeTemple, had ever had a bank account or safety deposit box in any of these banks in San Francisco, California.

Investigation was conducted in San Francisco, but no bank account was found in the name of Kate Mead or any of her known aliases at any of the principal banks in San Francisco and a lead is being set out to the Portland Bureau Office to check the central files of the principal banks in the city of Portland for the purpose of determining whether Kate Mead has a bank account at any of the principal banks in that city.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND BUREAU OFFICE AT PORTLAND, OREGON, will consider the advisability of interviewing Mr. Fred DeTemple who operates a plumbing store in that city, as well as the father and mother of Fred DeTemple who, according to Mr. C. A. Baxter, are the aunt and uncle of Kate Schmitt Mead, for the purpose of determining whether or not they are presently in communication with the Meads.

Will also check the central files of the principal banks in Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of determining whether Mrs. Kate Mead alias Marie Mead alias Marie DeTemple has ever had a bank account or safety deposit box there, and for information as to the transfer of an account to some other bank.

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CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-30 LKE

REPORT MADE AT: BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/4/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/17, 18, 20 and 29/36	REPORT MADE BY: F. M. PLUNKETT
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1932, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: William Elmer Mead not identified by management of Eastland Hotel, Portland, Maine, as being person known to them. A. Huntington registered at Eastland Hotel, May 7-8, 1936. Tracing of signature forwarded Cincinnati. Mead identified by one Teel of Derry, New Hampshire, as party contacting him June 8th last apparently on swindling operations.

REFERENCES:

Letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Charlotte Office, copy to Boston Office dated June 2, 1936.
Report of Special Agent W. E. Hepton, Kansas City, Mo., dated May 4, 1936.

DETAILS:

On June 16, 1936 a letter was received from Howard W. Campbell, officer of the Derry, New Hampshire, Police Department, who advised a resident of Derry had identified a photograph of William Elmer Mead as the person who had contacted him a few days previously concerning the sale of his farm. This information was forwarded to the Boston Office after Officer Campbell had spoken with SAC McKean by telephone the day before and had been requested the latter to display the photograph of Mead to the individual.

DETAILS: Accompanied by Special Agent E. W. Allen, the writer proceeded to Derry, New Hampshire, and interviewed Officer Campbell together with Clarence Teel, RFD Route 3, Derry Village. Mr. Teel stated that on June 8th, a Saturday morning, a man had contacted him who stated that he had seen an ad. for the sale of Teel's farm in the paper. He asked what Teel wanted for the farm and Teel said \$3,800.00. The individual stated that he represented a doctor from Portland, Maine, who wanted to buy it and said that he would give \$3,800 in cash. Teel stated that this price was well beyond what he expected to get for his farm and that he accepted at once. However, he was surprised that the would-be purchaser did not

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seen at all interested in either the farm or the house. The individual then said he would return on Thursday and went out to his car which Teel noted bore Pennsylvania license plates. Before leaving, however, this individual looked closely at Teel's eyes and said that he, Teel, had a cataract and needed a new type of glasses, saying that the cataract was forming pus which in turn would give him, Teel, heart trouble. He then wanted to sell Teel a pair of glasses for \$45.00. When Teel refused, he stated that if the sale of the farm went through he would give Teel a pair of glasses. The individual also apparently knew that Teel had a bank account in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and he asked Teel if he could consummate the sale of the farm in that city and asked whether Teel had a bank account there. This individual is stated by Teel to be identical with William Elmer Mead, although when asked the individual's age, Teel replied that he thought the man was 45 years old. When this man left Teel did not know his name but on the following day another individual called on him who said that the man who had called the day before was Dr. Stetson and that the doctor could not return on Thursday as he had promised but would come the following Tuesday. This man was described by Teel as age 45, height 5' 9", weight 180 lbs., complexion, light; no glasses; very well dressed. He was driving an automobile which Teel believed was a new Ford Coupe and from which Teel took the license number as New York plates 8D 4770. Officer Campbell advises that he has ascertained that these plates were issued to one Raymond B. Hall, Edison Hotel, New York City; that the plates were issued for a 1936 Dodge Coach Number P, 37863.

Agent spoke with Mr. Teel at some length and ascertained that Teel has never had much money. He states that he could possibly raise \$600.00 to \$1,000.00 and that most of his life he has been in the shoe business earning about \$10.00 a day. Teel had not been contacted again the following Tuesday as had been promised except that the following Tuesday night about 9:00 o'clock he heard someone at the back of his house; that he rushed downstairs but was only able to see a figure getting into an automobile a few feet down the road and the car drove rapidly away. He is unable to name anyone who might have made this call except the confidence men who had been contacting him previously. Mr. Teel is in his 70's and can see little without his glasses. He also states that on the day that "Dr. Stetson" called on him, Teel's glasses disappeared, and that he has had to buy a new pair.

Officer Campbell further advises that he has been requested by the state police at Monson, Massachusetts to arrest these men should they appear again as they are wanted for a violation of the state optometry law.

At Portland, Maine, the writer and Agent Allen registered at the Eastland Hotel, which previous information has indicated has been used by confidence men operating from that city. The agents observed the lobby of the same during the entire evening of June 17th and the morning of June 18th without noting either Mead or any of the confidence men who are known by sight to this agent; i. e., Fred Farrell, Fred Gondorf, J. E. Hayes, Ed Kennedy, and Bruce Upshaw.

Mr. F. Pierce, manager of the Eastland Hotel, as well as his assistants, Messrs. Fayler, Stevenson and Johnson were contacted and photographs of the above mentioned confidence men as well as that of William Elmer Mead were

exhibited to them. They failed to recognize any of them as being persons known to them as did also all of the desk clerks both of the Eastland Hotel and the Congress Square, which is connected with the Eastland Hotel. A search of the register of the Eastland Hotel showed a registration for one A. Huntington, address, Chateau Sherbrooke, Montreal, Canada. This person had registered on May 7th and checked out on May 8th. No telephone calls were charged to him. There was also noted the registration of Mr. Frederick Tuttle of Cincinnati and Miss Catherine Tuttle on May 8, 1936, occupying Rooms 475 and 477. A tracing of the printed signature of "A. Huntington" was made by the writer and is enclosed to the Cincinnati Office with copies of this report. No other registration of any parties named in the reference report was located. It is noted that the Eastland Hotel has a turnover of some 300 persons each day.

At Boston, Massachusetts, agents surveyed the automobiles parked in the vicinity of Suffolk Downs, but were unable to locate any car bearing New York registration plates 8D4770.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City will ascertain whatever information is at hand at the Hotel Edison relative to Raymond B. Hall, who may be an associate of William Elmer Mead.

THE BOSTON OFFICE will contact the Massachusetts State Police and ascertain what information is in their possession relative to "Dr. Stetson", who has been identified as William Elmer Mead and who is apparently sought by them for a violation of the state optometry laws.

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